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EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Republic of the Marshall Islands** 

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**98-0453513** (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities and the selling shareholder may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

### SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED MARCH 24, 2023

## PROSPECTUS

\$750,000,000 Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Debt Securities, such applicable Guarantees, Warrants, Purchase Contracts, Rights and Units offered by Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. and 3,781,561 shares of Common Stock offered by the Selling Shareholder



#### EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC.

Through this prospectus, we may periodically offer:

(1) common stock;

(2) preferred stock;

(3) debt securities, which may be guaranteed by one or more of our subsidiaries;

- (3) warrants;
- (4) purchase contracts;
- (5) rights; and
- (6) units.

We may offer and sell, from time to time in one or more offerings, the securities issued under this prospectus that have an aggregate offering price up to \$750,000,000. The prices and other terms of the securities that we will offer will be determined at the time of their offering and will be described in a supplement to this prospectus.

In addition, this prospectus covers the resale by the selling shareholder identified in this prospectus or in a subsequent prospectus supplement of up to an aggregate of 3,781,561 shares of our common stock. The selling shareholder may, from time to time, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of its shares of common stock on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions. These dispositions may be at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market price, at varying prices determined at the time of sale or at negotiated prices. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the common stock by the selling shareholder. See "Plan of Distribution" for additional information.

Our common stock is currently listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "EGLE." On March 24, 2023, the closing sales price for our common stock as reported by the New York Stock Exchange was \$47.60 per share.

An investment in these securities involves a high degree of risk. See the section entitled "Risk Factors" on page 7 of this prospectus, and other risk factors contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is March 24, 2023.

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# ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Commission, using a shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may sell any combination of the common stock, preferred stock, debt securities, which may be guaranteed by one or more of our subsidiaries, warrants, purchase contracts, rights and units described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$750,000,000. The prospectus also relates to 3,781,561 shares of our common stock, which the selling shareholder named in this prospectus (or in a prospectus supplement) may sell from time to time. We will not receive any of the proceeds from sales by the selling shareholder. We have agreed to pay the expenses incurred in registering these shares and warrants, including legal and accounting fees.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer securities, we will provide you with a prospectus supplement that will describe the specific amounts, prices and terms of the offered securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change the information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus together with the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find Additional Information." You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement or in any free writing prospectus that we may provide you. We have not, and the selling shareholder has not, authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus and neither we nor any selling shareholder take any responsibility for any other information that others may give you. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, any document incorporated by reference or any free writing prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date mentioned on the cover page of these documents.

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction.

Unless otherwise indicated, all dollar references in this prospectus are to U.S. dollars and financial information presented in this prospectus that is derived from financial statements incorporated by reference is prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

In this prospectus, all references to "we," "our," "us" and the "Company" shall refer to Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. and, unless the context requires otherwise, its consolidated subsidiaries.

### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the "Securities Act," Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the "Exchange Act," and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provided for under these sections. These statements may include words such as "believe," "estimate," "project," "intend," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," and similar expressions in connection with any discussion of the timing or nature of future operating or financial performance or other events. Forward-looking statements reflect management's current expectations and observations with respect to future events and financial performance.

Where we express an expectation or belief as to future events or results, such expectation or belief is expressed in good faith and believed to have a reasonable basis. However, our forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors, which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed, projected or implied by those forward-looking statements. The principal factors that affect our financial position, results of operations and cash flows include market freight rates, which fluctuate based on various economic and market conditions, periods of charter hire, vessel operating expenses and voyage costs, which are incurred primarily in U.S. dollars, depreciation expenses, which are a function of the purchase price of our vessels and our vessels' estimated useful lives and scrap value, general and administrative expenses, and financing costs related to our indebtedness. The accuracy of our assumptions, expectations, beliefs and projections depends on events or conditions that change over time and are thus susceptible to change based on actual experience, new developments and known and unknown risks. We give no assurance that the forward-looking statements will prove to be correct and does not undertake any duty to update them. Our business is subject to a number of risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by forward-looking statements made herein and presented elsewhere by management from time to time. These risks are discussed more fully under "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, incorporated by reference herein and include, but are not limited to the following:

- deterioration of the global economic environment;
- volatility of freight rates driven by changes in demand for seaborne transportation of drybulk commodities and in supply of drybulk shipping capacity;
- the impact of measures implemented by governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- an increase in trade protectionism;
- changes in the economic and political environment in China;
- seasonal fluctuations of the drybulk shipping market;
- over-supply of drybulk carrier capacity driven by levels of newbuilding orders, scrapping rates or fleet utilization;
- impairment charges as a result of declines in freight rates and vessel values;
- a decrease in the market values of our vessels;
- an increase in fuel costs or bunker prices;
- an increase in operating costs driven by inflation;
- costs of compliance with safety and other vessel requirements imposed by classification societies and laws and regulations;
- costs of compliance with laws and regulations, including environmental laws and regulations, as well as any penalties imposed as a result of noncompliance with such laws and regulations;
- costs of operating in warlike and high-risk geographic areas;

- costs of non-compliance with economic sanctions and trade embargo laws and regulations;
- impact of inspection procedures and tighter import and export controls;
- business interruptions from events or circumstances associated with operating ocean-going vessels, including changes in the conditions of our vessels;
- requisitions of our vessels by governments during a period of war;
- costs and reputational harm due to cyber-attacks or other security breaches;
- changes in the global financial markets and their impact on our ability to obtain additional financing;
- risks of default under our loan agreements;
- losses from the use of derivative instruments;
- the transition from the London Interbank Offered Rate as a benchmark interest rate to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate;
- counterparty credit risk on financial institutions that hold our cash and cash equivalents;
- a decrease in spot freight rates and its impact on our profitability;
- costs associated with the acquisition, takeover and operation of secondhand vessels;
- · failure of our charterers or other counterparties to meet their obligations under charter agreements or other contracts;
- failure to employ our vessels profitably in the highly-competitive international drybulk shipping industry;
- the impact of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine on our business;
- failure to attract and retain key management personnel;
- increasing costs due to the aging of our fleet;
- costs of non-compliance with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act;
- the impact of technological innovations on our revenues and the value of our vessels;
- any legal proceedings which we may be involved in from time to time; and other factors listed from time to time in our filings with the Commission;
- arrests of our vessels by maritime claimants;
- if we are required to pay tax on U.S. source income or subject to additional taxes as a result of challenges by tax authorities or changes in applicable law;
- if we are treated as a "passive foreign investment company";
- an inability of our subsidiaries to declare or pay dividends;
- the impact of the corporate laws of the Marshall Islands on our common stock, ability to pay dividends, the responsibilities of our directors and rights of shareholders;
- the fluctuation of the price of our common stock;
- the inactivity of the public market for our common stock;

- certain shareholders owning large portions of our outstanding common stock, which may limit other stockholders' ability to influence our actions;
- future sales or availability of sale of shares by the Company as well as the effect of the sale of borrowed shares in the open market could cause the market price of our common stock to decline;
- our shareholders are limited in their ability to elect or remove directors and to take action outside of Annual or Special Meetings;
- our shareholders are subject to advance notice requirements for shareholder proposals and director nominations;
- · our organizational documents contain super majority provisions; and
- our organizational documents provide that disputes between us and our shareholders shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. federal courts located in the Southern District of New York.

We have based these statements on assumptions and analyses formed by applying our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors we believe are appropriate in the circumstances. Our future results may be impacted by adverse economic conditions, such as inflation, deflation, or lack of liquidity in the capital markets, that may negatively affect it or parties with whom it does business. Should one or more of the foregoing risks or uncertainties materialize in a way that negatively impacts the Company, or should our underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results may vary materially from those anticipated in its forward-looking statements, and its business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

Additional factors that you should consider are set forth in detail in the "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus and the reports incorporated herein by reference, as well as filings we will make with the Commission in the future. These factors and the other risk factors described in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, and the documents incorporated into each by reference are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause actual results or developments to differ materially from those expressed in any of our forward-looking statements.

Other unknown or unpredictable factors also could harm our results. We disclaim any intent or obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws.

# ABOUT EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC.

We are Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., a Marshall Islands corporation incorporated on March 23, 2005 and headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut. We own and operate one of the largest fleets of Supramax and Ultramax drybulk vessels in the world. As of December 31, 2022, our operating fleet totaled 53 vessels, including 26 Supramax and 27 Ultramax drybulk vessels, with a combined carrying capacity of 3.20 million deadweight ton ("dwt"), and an average age of approximately 9.6 years. Our Supramax and Ultramax drybulk vessels are equipped with cargo-handling cranes and grabs and generally range in size from approximately 52,000 to 65,000 dwt.

We provide transportation solutions to a diverse group of customers, including miners, producers, traders, and end users. Typical cargoes we transport include both major bulk cargoes, such as iron ore, coal and grain, and minor bulk cargoes such as fertilizer, steel products, petcoke, cement and forest products.

We maintain our principal executive offices at 300 First Stamford Place, 5th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut 06902 and we maintain offices in Copenhagen and Singapore. Our telephone number at that address is (203) 276-8100. Our website address is www.eagleships.com. Information contained on our website does not constitute part of this prospectus.

## **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before making an investment in our securities, you should carefully consider the risk factors and all of the other information included in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated into each by reference, including those in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the Commission on March 10, 2023, as updated by annual, quarterly and other reports and documents we file with the Commission after the date of this prospectus and that are incorporated by reference herein. Please see the section of this prospectus entitled "Where You Can Find Additional Information-Information Incorporated by Reference." The occurrence of one or more of those risk factors could adversely impact our business, financial condition or results of operations.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless we specify otherwise in any prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of securities offered by us pursuant to this prospectus for vessel acquisitions, capital expenditures, repayment of indebtedness, working capital, and general corporate purposes. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the shares of common stock offered by the selling shareholder pursuant to this prospectus.

### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a summary of the description of our capital stock and the material terms of our Articles of Incorporation, and second amended and restated by-laws, or the By-Laws. Because the following is a summary, it does not contain all of the information that you may find useful. For more complete information, you should read the description of capital stock and the material terms of our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Commission on March 10, 2023, as updated by annual and other reports and documents we file with the Commission after the date of this prospectus and that are incorporated by reference herein, together with our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, copies of which have been filed as exhibits thereto. Please see the section of this prospectus entitled "Where You Can Find Additional Information."

#### Purpose

Our purpose, as stated in our Articles of Incorporation, is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may now or hereafter be organized under the Business Corporations Act of the Marshall Islands, or the BCA. Our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws do not impose any limitations on the ownership rights of our shareholders.

## **Authorized Capitalization**

Under our Articles of Incorporation, our authorized capital stock consists of 700 million shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 13,003,702 shares are issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2022, and 25 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, or the preferred stock, of which no shares of preferred stock are issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2022. All of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock are in registered form.

### **Description of Common Stock**

Each outstanding share of common stock entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders. Under our Bylaws, those nominees who, in an election of directors, receive a plurality of the votes cast by the shareholders present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote thereon shall be elected. All matters properly submitted to a vote of the shareholders shall be decided by the vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the shares entitled to vote thereon present in person or by proxy at the meeting, unless otherwise provided by law, rule or regulation, including any stock exchange rule or regulation, applicable to the Company. Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding shares of preferred stock, if any, holders of shares of common stock are entitled to receive ratably all dividends, if any, declared by our board of directors out of assets or funds legally available for dividends. Upon our liquidation preferences, if any, the holders or our common stock will be entitled to receive pro rata our remaining assets and funds available for distribution. Holders of common stock do not have conversion, redemption or preemptive rights to subscribe to any of our securities. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of common stock are subject to the rights of the holders of any shares of preferred stock, which we may issue in the future.

#### **Description of Preferred Stock**

Our Articles of Incorporation authorize our board of directors to establish one or more series of preferred stock and to determine, with respect to any series of preferred stock, the terms and rights of that series, including:

- the designation of the series;
- the number of shares of the series;
- the designation, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, if any, and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such series; provided that the total shares of preferred stock shall in no event have an aggregate liquidation preference of more than \$300 million; and
- the voting rights, if any, of the holders of the series.

It is not possible to state the actual effect of the authorization and issuance of one or more series of preferred stock upon the rights of holders of common stock until our board of directors determines the specific terms, rights and preferences of a series of preferred stock.

The material terms of any series of preferred stock that we offer through a prospectus supplement, as well as any material United States federal income tax considerations, will be described in that prospectus supplement.

#### Authorized but Unissued Capital Stock

The BCA does not require shareholder approval for any issuance of authorized shares. However, the listing requirements of the New York Stock Exchange, which will apply so long as our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, require shareholder approval of certain issuances equal to or exceeding 20% of the then outstanding voting power or then outstanding number of shares of our common stock.

#### **Convertible Notes**

In July 2019, the Company issued \$114.12 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 (the "Convertible Bond Debt") in a private placement to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to the Securities Act, and to certain non-U.S. persons in offshore transactions outside of the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act, pursuant to an indenture (the "Indenture"), dated as of July 29, 2019, between the Company and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee (the "Trustee"). Each holder of Convertible Bond Debt has the right to convert any portion of the Convertible Bond Debt, provided such portion is of \$1,000 or a multiple thereof, at any time prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding the Maturity Date (as defined in the Indenture). The conversion rate is subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain specified corporate events, but will not be adjusted for any accrued and unpaid interest. As of March 14, 2023, the conversion rate of the Convertible Bond Debt is 31.0670 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Bond Debt (which is equivalent to a conversion price of approximately \$32.19 per share of our common stock).

Upon conversion, the Company will pay or deliver, as the case may be, either cash, shares of common stock or a combination of cash and shares of common stock, at the Company's election, to the holder. However, without first obtaining shareholder approval in accordance with the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange, the Company may not issue shares of common stock in excess of 19.9% of common stock outstanding at the time the Convertible Bond Debt was initially issued.

### Directors

Our directors are elected by a majority of the votes cast by shareholders entitled to vote. There is no provision for cumulative voting.

Our board of directors is elected annually, and each director elected holds office for a one-year term and until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, except in the event of his death, resignation, removal, or the earlier termination of his term of office. Our board of directors has the authority to fix the amounts which shall be payable to the members of the board of directors for attendance at any meeting or for services rendered to us and for the reimbursement of reasonable and documented expenses.

#### **Shareholder Meetings**

Under our By-Laws, annual shareholder meetings will be held at a time and place selected by our board of directors. The meetings may be held in or outside of the Marshall Islands. The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws provide that, except as otherwise required by law, special meetings of shareholders may be called at any time only by (i) the lead director (if any), (ii) the chairman of the board of directors, (iii) the board of directors pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by a majority of the board stating the purpose or purposes thereof, or (iv) any one or more shareholders who beneficially owns, in the aggregate, 15% or more of the aggregate voting power of all then-outstanding shares of common stock and any other class or series of capital stock of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors. The notice of any such special meeting is to include the purpose or purposes



thereof, and the business transacted at the special meeting is limited to the purpose or purposes stated in the notice (or any supplement thereto). These provisions may impede the ability of shareholders to bring matters before a special meeting of shareholders. Our board of directors may set a record date between 15 and 60 days before the date of any meeting to determine the shareholders that will be eligible to receive notice and vote at the meeting.

### **Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal and Payment**

Under the BCA, our shareholders have the right to dissent from various corporate actions, including any merger or consolidation sale of all or substantially all of our assets not made in the usual course of our business, and receive payment of the fair value of their shares. In the event of any further amendment of our Articles of Incorporation, a shareholder also has the right to dissent and receive payment for his or her shares if the amendment alters certain rights in respect of those shares. The dissenting shareholder must follow the procedures set forth in the BCA to receive payment. In the event that we and any dissenting shareholder fail to agree on a price for the shares, the BCA procedures involve, among other things, the institution of proceedings in the high court of the Marshall Islands or in any appropriate court in any jurisdiction in which the Company's shares are primarily traded on a local or national securities exchange.

### **Shareholders' Derivative Actions**

Under the BCA, any of our shareholders may bring an action in our name to procure a judgment in our favor, also known as a derivative action, provided that the shareholder bringing the action is a holder of common stock both at the time the derivative action is commenced and at the time of the transaction to which the action relates.

### Limitations on Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors

The BCA authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors and officers to corporations and their shareholders for monetary damages for breaches of directors' fiduciary duties. Our By-Laws include a provision that eliminates the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for actions taken as a director to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Our By-Laws provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by law. We are also expressly authorized to advance certain expenses (including attorneys' fees) to our directors and offices and carry directors' and officers' insurance providing indemnification for our directors, officers and certain employees for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification provisions and insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and executive offices.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws may discourage shareholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions may also have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our shareholders. In addition, your investment may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

There is currently no pending material litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors, officers or employees for which indemnification is sought.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Company will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the claim has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

### Anti-takeover Effect of Certain Provisions of our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws

Several provisions of our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, which are summarized below, may have anti-takeover effects. These provisions are intended to avoid costly takeover battles, lessen our vulnerability to a hostile change of control and enhance the ability of our board of directors to maximize shareholder value in connection with any unsolicited offer to acquire us. However, these anti-takeover provisions could also discourage, delay or prevent (1) the merger or acquisition of our Company by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest, or otherwise, that a shareholder may consider in its best interest and (2) the removal of incumbent officers and directors.

#### **Blank Check Preferred Stock**

Under the terms of our Articles of Incorporation, our board of directors has authority, without any further vote or action by our shareholders, to issue shares of blank check preferred stock shall in no event have an aggregate liquidation preference of more than \$300 million. Our board of directors may issue shares of preferred stock on terms calculated to discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our Company or the removal of our management.

#### **Election and Removal of Directors**

Our Articles of Incorporation prohibit cumulative voting in the election of directors. Our By-Laws require parties other than the board of directors to give advance written notice of nominations for the election of directors. Our Articles of Incorporation also provide that our directors may only be removed for cause upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote for the election of directors. Newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors and vacancies occurring on our board of directors for any reason may only be filled by a vote of a majority of the directors then in office, even if less than a quorum exists (except that a quorum is required if the vacancy results from an increase in the number of directors).

#### Advance Notice Requirements for Shareholder Proposals and Director Nominations

Our By-Laws provide that shareholders seeking to nominate candidates for election as directors or to bring business before an annual meeting of shareholders must provide timely notice of their proposal in writing to the corporate secretary. To be timely, a shareholder's notice will have to be received at our principal executive offices not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of shareholders; provided, however, that in the event that the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within 30 days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the shareholder in order to be timely must be so received not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which such notice of the date of the annual meeting was mailed or such public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting was made, whichever occurs first, in order for such notice by a shareholder to be timely. Our By-Laws also specify requirements as to the form and content of a shareholder's notice. These advance notice requirements, particularly the 60 to 90 day requirement, may impede shareholders' ability to bring matters before an annual meeting of shareholders or make nominations for directors at an annual meeting of shareholders.

#### Action by Written Consent

Our By-Laws provide that any action required or permitted to be taken by the shareholders may be effected only at a duly called annual or special meeting of the shareholders. Except as otherwise mandated by law, the ability of shareholders to consent in writing to the taking of any action is specifically denied.

## **Certain Voting Requirements**

Our Articles of Incorporation provide that a two-thirds vote is required to amend or repeal certain provisions of our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, including those provisions relating to: the number and election of directors; filling of board vacancies; resignations and removals of directors; director liability and indemnification of directors; the power of shareholders to call special meetings; advance notice of director nominations and shareholder proposals; and amendments to our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. These supermajority provisions may discourage, delay or prevent the changes to our Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws.

# **Registrar and Transfer Agent**

The registrar and transfer agent for our shares of common stock is Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

# Listing

Our shares of common stock are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "EGLE."

# **DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES**

We may issue debt securities from time to time in one or more series, under one or more indentures, each dated as of a date on or prior to the issuance of the debt securities to which it relates. We may issue senior debt securities and subordinated debt securities pursuant to separate indentures, a senior indenture and a subordinated indenture, respectively, in each case between us and the trustee named in the indenture. These indentures will be filed either as exhibits to an amendment to this registration statement, or as an exhibit to an Exchange Act report that will be incorporated by reference to the registration statement or a prospectus supplement. We will refer to any or all of these reports as "subsequent filings." The senior indenture and the subordinated indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time, are sometimes referred to individually as an "indenture" and collectively as the "indentures." Each indenture will be subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended. The aggregate principal amount of debt securities which may be issued under each indenture will be unlimited and each indenture will contain the specific terms of any series of debt securities or provide that those terms must be set forth in or determined pursuant to, an authorizing resolution, as defined in the applicable prospectus supplement, and/or a supplemental indenture, if any, relating to such series.

Certain of our subsidiaries may guarantee the debt securities we offer. Those guarantees may or may not be secured by liens, mortgages, and security interests in the assets of those subsidiaries. The terms and conditions of any such subsidiary guarantees, and a description of any such liens, mortgages or security interests, will be set forth in the prospectus supplement that will accompany this prospectus.

The following description of the terms of the debt securities sets forth certain general terms and provisions. The statements below are not complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the applicable indenture. The specific terms of any debt securities that we may offer, including any modifications of, or additions to, the general terms described below as well as any applicable material U.S. federal income tax considerations concerning the ownership of such debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement or supplemental indenture. Accordingly, for a complete description of the terms of a particular issue of debt securities, the general description of the debt securities set forth below should be read in conjunction with the applicable prospectus supplement and indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

#### General

Neither indenture limits the amount of debt securities which may be issued, and each indenture provides that debt securities may be issued up to the aggregate principal amount from time to time. The debt securities may be issued in one or more series. The senior debt securities will be unsecured and will rank in parity with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. Each series of subordinated debt securities will be unsecured and subordinated to all present and future senior indebtedness. Any such debt securities will be described in an accompanying prospectus supplement.

You should read the subsequent filings relating to the particular series of debt securities for the following terms of the offered debt securities:

- the designation, aggregate principal amount and authorized denominations;
- the issue price, expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount;
- the maturity date;
- the interest rate per annum, if any;
- if the offered debt securities provide for interest payments, the date from which interest will accrue, the dates on which interest will be payable, the date on which payment of interest will commence and the regular record dates for interest payment dates;
- any optional or mandatory sinking fund provisions or conversion or exchangeability provisions;

- the date, if any, after which and the price or prices at which the offered debt securities may be optionally redeemed or must be mandatorily redeemed and any other terms and provisions of optional or mandatory redemptions;
- if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which offered debt securities of the series will be issuable;
- if other than the full principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of offered debt securities of the series which will be payable upon acceleration or provable in bankruptcy;
- any events of default not set forth in this prospectus;
- the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which principal, premium and interest will be payable, if other than the currency of the United States of America;
- if principal, premium or interest is payable, at our election or at the election of any holder, in a currency other than that in which the offered debt securities of the series are stated to be payable, the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, the election may be made;
- whether interest will be payable in cash or additional securities at our or the holder's option and the terms and conditions upon which the election
  may be made;
- if denominated in a currency or currencies other than the currency of the United States of America, the equivalent price in the currency of the United States of America for purposes of determining the voting rights of holders of those debt securities under the applicable indenture;
- if the amount of payments of principal, premium or interest may be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method based on a coin or currency other than that in which the offered debt securities of the series are stated to be payable, the manner in which the amounts will be determined;
- any restrictive covenants or other material terms relating to the offered debt securities, which may not be inconsistent with the applicable indenture;
- whether the offered debt securities will be issued in the form of global securities or certificates in registered form;
- any terms with respect to subordination;
- any listing on any securities exchange or quotation system;
- additional provisions, if any, related to defeasance and discharge of the offered debt securities; and
- the applicability of any guarantees.

Unless otherwise indicated in subsequent filings with the Commission relating to the indenture, principal, premium and interest will be payable and the debt securities will be transferable at the corporate trust office of the applicable trustee. Unless other arrangements are made or set forth in subsequent filings or a supplemental indenture, principal, premium and interest will be paid by checks mailed to the holders at their registered addresses.

Unless otherwise indicated in subsequent filings with the Commission, the debt securities will be issued only in fully registered form without coupons, in denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof. No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of the debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with these debt securities.

Some or all of the debt securities may be issued as discounted debt securities, bearing no interest or interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates, to be sold at a substantial discount below the stated principal amount. United States federal income consequences and other special considerations applicable to any discounted securities will be described in subsequent filings with the Commission relating to those securities.

We refer you to applicable subsequent filings with respect to any deletions or additions or modifications from the description contained in this prospectus.

## Senior Debt

We may issue senior debt securities under a senior debt indenture. These senior debt securities would rank on an equal basis with all our other unsecured debt except subordinated debt.

# **Subordinated Debt**

We may issue subordinated debt securities under a subordinated debt indenture. Subordinated debt would rank subordinate and junior in right of payment, to the extent set forth in the subordinated debt indenture, to all our senior debt (both secured and unsecured).

In general, the holders of all senior debt are first entitled to receive payment of the full amount unpaid on senior debt before the holders of any of the subordinated debt securities are entitled to receive a payment on account of the principal or interest on the indebtedness evidenced by the subordinated debt securities in certain events.

If we default in the payment of any principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on any senior debt when it becomes due and payable after any applicable grace period, then, unless and until the default is cured or waived or ceases to exist, we cannot make a payment on account of or redeem or otherwise acquire the subordinated debt securities.

If there is any insolvency, bankruptcy, liquidation or other similar proceeding relating to us or our property, then all senior debt must be paid in full before any payment may be made to any holders of subordinated debt securities.

Furthermore, if we default in the payment of the principal of and accrued interest on any subordinated debt securities that is declared due and payable upon an event of default under the subordinated debt indenture, holders of all our senior debt will first be entitled to receive payment in full in cash before holders of such subordinated debt can receive any payments.

Senior debt means:

- the principal, premium, if any, interest and any other amounts owing in respect of our indebtedness for money borrowed and indebtedness evidenced by securities, notes, debentures, bonds or other similar instruments issued by us, including the senior debt securities or letters of credit;
- all capitalized lease obligations;
- all hedging obligations;
- all obligations representing the deferred purchase price of property; and
- all deferrals, renewals, extensions and refundings of obligations of the type referred to above;
- but senior debt does not include:
- subordinated debt securities; or
- any indebtedness that by its terms is subordinated to, or ranks on an equal basis with, our subordinated debt securities.

### Covenants

Any series of offered debt securities may have covenants in addition to or differing from those included in the applicable indenture which will be described in subsequent filings prepared in connection with the offering of such securities, limiting or restricting, among other things:

- the ability of us or our subsidiaries to incur either secured or unsecured debt, or both;
- the ability to make certain payments, dividends, redemptions or repurchases;
- our ability to create dividend and other payment restrictions affecting our subsidiaries;
- our ability to make investments;
- mergers and consolidations by us or our subsidiaries;
- sales of assets by us;
- our ability to enter into transactions with affiliates;
- our ability to incur liens; and
- sale and leaseback transactions.

## **Modification of the Indentures**

Each indenture and the rights of the respective holders may be modified by us only with the consent of holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of all series under the respective indenture affected by the modification, taken together as a class. But no modification that:

- (1) changes the amount of securities whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (2) reduces the rate of or changes the interest payment time on any security or alters its redemption provisions (other than any alteration to any such section which would not materially adversely affect the legal rights of any holder under the indenture) or the price at which we are required to offer to purchase the securities;
- (3) reduces the principal or changes the maturity of any security or reduces the amount of, or postpones the date fixed for, the payment of any sinking fund or analogous obligation;
- (4) waives a default or event of default in the payment of the principal of or interest, if any, on any security (except a rescission of acceleration of the securities of any series by the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding securities of that series and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- (5) makes the principal of or interest, if any, on any security payable in any currency other than that stated in the security;
- (6) makes any change with respect to holders' rights to receive principal and interest, the terms pursuant to which defaults can be waived, certain modifications affecting shareholders or certain currency-related issues; or
- (7) waives a redemption payment with respect to any security or changes any of the provisions with respect to the redemption of any securities;

will be effective against any holder without his consent. Other terms as specified in subsequent filings may be modified without the consent of the holders.

### **Events of Default**

Each indenture defines an event of default for the debt securities of any series as being any one of the following events:

- default in any payment of interest when due which continues for 30 days;
- default in any payment of principal or premium when due;
- · default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment when due;
- default in the performance of any covenant in the debt securities or the applicable indenture which continues for 60 days after we receive notice of the default;
- default under a bond, debenture, note or other evidence of indebtedness for borrowed money by us or our subsidiaries (to the extent we are directly
  responsible or liable therefor) having a principal amount in excess of a minimum amount set forth in the applicable subsequent filing, whether
  such indebtedness now exists or is hereafter created, which default shall have resulted in such indebtedness becoming or being declared due and
  payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise have become due and payable, without such acceleration having been rescinded or annulled
  or cured within 30 days after we receive notice of the default; and
- events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization.

An event of default of one series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an event of default with respect to any other series of debt securities.

There may be such other or different events of default as described in an applicable subsequent filing with respect to any class or series of offered debt securities.

In case an event of default occurs and continues for the debt securities of any series, the applicable trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities then outstanding of that series may declare the principal and accrued but unpaid interest of the debt securities of that series to be due and payable. Any event of default for the debt securities of any series which has been cured may be waived by the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of that series then outstanding.

Each indenture requires us to file annually after debt securities are issued under that indenture with the applicable trustee a written statement signed by two of our officers as to the absence of material defaults under the terms of that indenture. Each indenture provides that the applicable trustee may withhold notice to the holders of any default if it considers it in the interest of the holders to do so, except notice of a default in payment of principal, premium or interest.

Subject to the duties of the trustee in case an event of default occurs and continues, each indenture provides that the trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under that indenture at the request, order or direction of holders unless the holders have offered to the trustee reasonable indemnity. Subject to these provisions for indemnification and the rights of the trustee, each indenture provides that the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of any series then outstanding have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee as long as the exercise of that right does not conflict with any law or the indenture.

### **Defeasance and Discharge**

The terms of each indenture provide us with the option to be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the debt securities issued thereunder upon the deposit with the trustee, in trust, of money or U.S. government obligations, or both, which through the payment of interest and principal in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay any installment of principal, premium and interest on, and any mandatory sinking fund payments in respect of, the debt securities on the stated maturity of the payments in accordance with

the terms of the debt securities and the indenture governing the debt securities. This right may only be exercised if, among other things, we have received from, or there has been published by, the United States Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, a ruling to the effect that such a discharge will not be deemed, or result in, a taxable event with respect to holders. This discharge would not apply to our obligations to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities, to replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities, to maintain paying agencies and hold moneys for payment in trust.

#### **Defeasance of Certain Covenants**

The terms of the debt securities provide us with the right to omit complying with specified covenants and that specified events of default described in a subsequent filing will not apply. In order to exercise this right, we will be required to deposit with the trustee money or U.S. government obligations, or both, which through the payment of interest and principal will provide money in an amount sufficient to pay principal, premium, if any, and interest on, and any mandatory sinking fund payments in respect of, the debt securities on the stated maturity of such payments in accordance with the terms of the debt securities and the indenture governing such debt securities. We will also be required to deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that we have received from, or there has been published by, the IRS a ruling to the effect that the deposit and related covenant defeasance will not cause the holders of such series to recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes.

A subsequent filing may further describe the provisions, if any, of any particular series of offered debt securities permitting a discharge defeasance.

#### **Subsidiary Guarantees**

Each of our current subsidiaries, each a 100 percent directly or indirectly owned subsidiary (the "guarantors"), will issue guarantees of the debt securities, if any of them issue guarantees, and such guarantees will be full and unconditional and will constitute the joint and several obligations of such guarantors.

The terms and conditions of the subsidiary guarantees offered for sale, if any, will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless we indicate differently in the applicable prospectus supplement, if any of our subsidiaries guarantee any of our debt securities that are subordinated to any of our senior indebtedness, then the subsidiary guarantees will be subordinated to the senior indebtedness of such subsidiary to the same extent as our debt securities are subordinated to our senior indebtedness.

### **Global Securities**

The debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository identified in an applicable subsequent filing and registered in the name of the depository or a nominee for the depository. In such a case, one or more global securities will be issued in a denomination or aggregate denominations equal to the portion of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt securities of the series to be represented by the global security or securities. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for debt securities in definitive certificated form, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depository for the global security to a nominee of the depository or by a nominee of the depository to the depository or another nominee of the depository or by the depository or any nominee to a successor depository for that series or a nominee of the successor depository and except in the circumstances described in an applicable subsequent filing.

We expect that the following provisions will apply to depository arrangements for any portion of a series of debt securities to be represented by a global security. Any additional or different terms of the depository arrangement will be described in an applicable subsequent filing.

Upon the issuance of any global security, and the deposit of that global security with or on behalf of the depository for the global security, the depository will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the principal amounts of the debt securities represented by that global security to the accounts of institutions that have accounts with the depository or its nominee. The accounts to be credited will be designated by the underwriters or agents engaging in the distribution of the debt securities or by us, if the debt securities are offered and sold directly

by us. Ownership of beneficial interests in a global security will be limited to participating institutions or persons that may hold interest through such participating institutions. Ownership of beneficial interests by participating institutions in the global security will be shown on, and the transfer of the beneficial interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the depository for the global security or by its nominee. Ownership of beneficial interests within the participating institutions will be effected only through, records maintained by those participating institutions. The laws of some jurisdictions may require that purchasers of securities take physical delivery of the securities in certificated form. The foregoing limitations and such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in the global securities.

So long as the depository for a global security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of that global security, the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by the global security for all purposes under the applicable indenture. Unless otherwise specified in an applicable subsequent filing and except as specified below, owners of beneficial interests in the global security will not be entitled to have debt securities of the series represented by the global security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of debt securities of the series in certificated form and will not be considered the holders thereof for any purposes under the indenture. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in the global security must rely on the procedures of the depository and, if such person is not a participating institution, on the procedures of the participating institution through which the person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the indenture.

The depository may grant proxies and otherwise authorize participating institutions to give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action which a holder is entitled to give or take under the applicable indenture. We understand that, under existing industry practices, if we request any action of holders or any owner of a beneficial interest in the global security desires to give any notice or take any action a holder is entitled to give or take under the applicable indenture, the depository would authorize the participating institutions to give the notice or take the action, and participating institutions would authorize beneficial owners owning through such participating institutions to give the notice or take the action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners owning through them.

Unless otherwise specified in applicable subsequent filings, payments of principal, premium and interest on debt securities represented by a global security registered in the name of a depository or its nominee will be made by us to the depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the global security.

We expect that the depository for any debt securities represented by a global security, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium or interest, will credit participating institutions' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of the global security as shown on the records of the depository. We also expect that payments by participating institutions to owners of beneficial interests in the global security held through those participating institutions will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with the securities held for the accounts of customers registered in street names, and will be the responsibility of those participating institutions. None of us, the trustees or any agent of ours or the trustees will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in a global security, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to those beneficial interests.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable subsequent filings, a global security of any series will be exchangeable for certificated debt securities of the same series only if:

- the depository for such global securities notifies us that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository or such depository ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, a successor depository is not appointed by us within 90 days after we receive the notice or become aware of the ineligibility;
- we in our sole discretion determine that the global securities shall be exchangeable for certificated debt securities; or

• there shall have occurred and be continuing an event of default under the applicable indenture with respect to the debt securities of that series.

Upon any exchange, owners of beneficial interests in the global security or securities will be entitled to physical delivery of individual debt securities in certificated form of like tenor and terms equal in principal amount to their beneficial interests, and to have the debt securities in certificated form registered in the names of the beneficial owners, which names are expected to be provided by the depository's relevant participating institutions to the applicable trustee.

In the event that the Depository Trust Company, or DTC, acts as depository for the global securities of any series, the global securities will be issued as fully registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co., DTC's partnership nominee.

DTC is a member of the U.S. Federal Reserve System, a limited-purpose trust company under New York State banking law and a registered clearing agency with the Commission. Established in 1973, DTC was created to reduce costs and provide clearing and settlement efficiencies by immobilizing securities and making "book-entry" changes to ownership of the securities. DTC provides securities movements for the net settlements of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, or NSCC, and settlement for institutional trades (which typically involve money and securities transfers between custodian banks and broker/dealers), as well as money market instruments.

DTC is a subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Company, or DTCC. DTCC is a holding company established in 1999 to combine DTC and NSCC. DTCC, through its subsidiaries, provides clearing, settlement and information services for equities, corporate and municipal bonds, government and mortgage backed securities, money market instruments and over the-counter derivatives. In addition, DTCC is a leading processor of mutual funds and insurance transactions, linking funds and carriers with their distribution networks. DTCC's customer base extends to thousands of companies within the global financial services industry. DTCC serves brokers, dealers, institutional investors, banks, trust companies, mutual fund companies, insurance carriers, hedge funds and other financial intermediaries - either directly or through correspondent relationships.

DTCC is industry-owned by its customers who are members of the financial community, such as banks, broker/dealers, mutual funds and other financial institutions. DTCC operates on an at-cost basis, returning excess revenue from transaction fees to its member firms. All services provided by DTC are regulated by the Commission.

The 2022 DTCC Board of Directors is composed of 22 directors serving one-year terms. Fourteen directors are representatives of clearing agency participants, including broker/dealers, custodian and clearing banks, and investment institutions; two directors are designated by DTCC's preferred shareholders, which are NYSE Euronext and FINRA; four directors are from non-participants; and the remaining two are the non-executive chairman and the chief executive officer and president of DTCC. All of the Board members except those designated by the preferred shareholders are elected annually.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, the debt securities may be registered in the name of DTC's nominee, Cede & Co. The deposit of the debt securities with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. will effect no change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the debt securities. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participating institutions to whose accounts debt securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The participating institutions remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Delivery of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participating institutions, by direct participating institutions to indirect participating institutions, and by direct participating institutions and indirect participating institutions to beneficial owners of debt securities are governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. consents or votes with respect to the debt securities. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails a proxy to the issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those direct participating institution to whose accounts the debt securities are credited on the record date.

If applicable, redemption notices shall be sent to Cede & Co. If less than all of the debt securities of a series represented by global securities are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each direct participating institutions in that issue to be redeemed.

To the extent that any debt securities provide for repayment or repurchase at the option of the holders thereof, a beneficial owner shall give notice of any option to elect to have its interest in the global security repaid by us, through its participating institution, to the applicable trustee, and shall effect delivery of the interest in a global security by causing the direct participating institution to transfer the direct participating institution's interest in the global security or securities representing the interest, on DTC's records, to the applicable trustee. The requirement for physical delivery of debt securities in connection with a demand for repayment or repurchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the global security or securities representing the debt securities are transferred by direct participating institutions on DTC's records.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository for the debt securities at any time. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not appointed, debt security certificates are required to be printed and delivered as described above.

We may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through the securities depository. In that event, debt security certificates will be printed and delivered as described above.

### **DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

# General

We may issue warrants to purchase our equity securities or securities of third parties or certain other rights, including rights to receive payment in cash or securities based on the value, rate or price of one or more specified commodities, currencies, securities or indices, or any combination of the foregoing. Warrants may be issued independently or together with any other securities and may be attached to, or separate from, such securities. Each series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a warrant agent. The terms of any warrants to be issued and a description of the material provisions of the applicable warrant agreement will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the following terms of any warrants in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered:

- the title of such warrants;
- the aggregate number of such warrants;
- the price or prices at which such warrants will be issued;
- the currency or currencies, in which the price of such warrants will be payable;
- the securities or other rights, including rights to receive payment in cash or securities based on the value, rate or price of one or more specified commodities, currencies, securities or indices, or any combination of the foregoing, purchasable upon exercise of such warrants;
- the price at which and the currency or currencies, in which the securities or other rights purchasable upon exercise of such warrants may be purchased;
- the date on which the right to exercise such warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire;
- if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of such warrants which may be exercised at any one time;
- if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which such warrants are issued and the number of such warrants issued with each such security;
- if applicable, the date on and after which such warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;
- information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;
- if applicable, a discussion of any material U.S. federal income tax considerations; and
- any other terms of such warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such warrants.

### No Rights as Shareholders

Holders of warrants, as such, will not be entitled to vote, to consent, to receive dividends or to receive notice as shareholders with respect to any meeting of shareholders, or to exercise any rights whatsoever as our shareholders.



# DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS

We may issue purchase contracts for the purchase or sale of:

- equity securities issued by us or securities of third parties, a basket of such securities, an index or indices of such securities or any combination of the above as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement; or
- currencies.

If purchase contracts are offered, the prospectus supplement will specify the material terms of the purchase contracts. We may, however, satisfy our obligations, if any, with respect to any purchase contract by delivering the cash value of such purchase contract or the cash value of the property otherwise deliverable or, in the case of purchase contracts on underlying currencies, by delivering the underlying currencies, as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The applicable prospectus supplement will also specify the methods by which the holders may purchase or sell such securities or currencies and any acceleration, cancellation or termination provisions, provisions relating to U.S. federal income tax considerations, if any, or other provisions relating to the settlement of a purchase contract.

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# **DESCRIPTION OF RIGHTS**

We may issue rights to purchase our equity securities. These rights may be issued independently or together with any other security offered by this prospectus and may or may not be transferable by the shareholder receiving the rights in the rights offering. In connection with any rights offering, we may enter into a standby underwriting agreement with one or more underwriters pursuant to which the underwriter will purchase any securities that remain unsubscribed for upon completion of the rights offering.

The applicable prospectus supplement relating to any rights will describe the terms of the offered rights, including, where applicable, the following:

- the exercise price for the rights;
- the number of rights issued to each shareholder;
- the extent to which the rights are transferable;
- any other terms of the rights, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the rights;
- the date on which the right to exercise the rights will commence and the date on which the right will expire;
- the amount of rights outstanding;
- the extent to which the rights include an over-subscription privilege with respect to unsubscribed securities; and
- the material terms of any standby underwriting arrangement entered into by us in connection with the rights offering.

The description in the applicable prospectus supplement of any rights we offer will not necessarily be complete and will be qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable rights certificate or rights agreement, which will be filed with the Commission if we offer rights. For more information on how you can obtain copies of any rights certificate or rights agreement if we offer rights, see "Where You Can Find Additional Information" of this prospectus. We urge you to read the applicable rights certificate, the applicable rights agreement and any applicable prospectus supplement in their entirety.

# **DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

As specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, we may issue units consisting of one or more rights, purchase contracts, warrants, preferred stock, common stock or any combination of such securities. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe:

- the terms of the units and of the rights, purchase contracts, warrants, preferred stock and common stock comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances the securities comprising the units may be traded separately;
- a description of the terms of any unit agreement governing the units;
- if applicable, a discussion of any material U.S. federal income tax considerations; and
- a description of the provisions for the payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units.

### SELLING SHAREHOLDER

The table below lists the selling shareholder and other information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock by the selling shareholder, based on 13,708,561 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 24, 2023. We have prepared the table and the related notes based on information supplied to us by the selling shareholder. We have not sought to verify such information. The table assumes the sale of all of the shares of our common stock offered by the selling shareholder in this offering. Other information about the selling shareholder may change over time, as it is possible that the selling shareholder may acquire or dispose of shares of our common stock from time to time after the date of this prospectus. Changes in such information will be set forth in prospectus supplements to the extent required. On May 13, 2016, we entered into the A&R Registration Rights Agreement and certain related agreements with Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. and its affiliates.

The term "selling shareholder" includes the shareholders listed below and their respective transferees, assignees, pledgees, donees and other successors.

Selling shareholders not included in the table below may not sell any shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus until we have identified the selling shareholder and the shares being offered for resale by the selling shareholder herein (including in any amendment hereto) or in a subsequent prospectus supplement. The selling shareholder may also sell or transfer all or a portion of its shares of our common stock pursuant to any available exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Any prospectus supplement may add, substitute or change information contained in this prospectus, including the identity of any selling shareholder. See "Use of Proceeds" and "Plan of Distribution."

We will bear all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of shares of our common stock to be sold by the selling shareholder. The selling shareholder will bear all commissions and discounts, if any, attributable to their respective sales of shares.

| Selling<br>Shareholder <sup>(1)</sup>           | Number of shares<br>beneficially owned prior<br>to this offering |            | Number of<br>shares<br>offered | owned a | beneficially<br>after giving<br>this offering |
|---|--|------------|--------------------------------|---------|---|
|   | Number   | Percentage |                                | Number  | Percentage                                    |
| Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. <sup>(2)</sup> | 3,781,561  | 27.6 %     | 3,781,561                      | 0       | 0 %   |

(1) Also includes any sale of common stock by pledgees, donees, transferees or other successors in interest that receive such securities by pledge, gift, distribution or other non-sale related transfer from the named selling shareholder after the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The information concerning the selling shareholder may change from time to time, and any changes and the names of any transferees, pledgees, donees, and other successors in interest will be set forth in supplements to this prospectus to the extent required.

(2) Based on information provided to us, OCM Opps EB Holdings, Ltd. is the record holder of 3,781,561 shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"). The general partner of OCM Opps EB Holdings, Ltd. is Oaktree Fund GP, LLC. The managing member of Oaktree Fund GP, LLC is Oaktree Fund GP I, L.P. The general partner of Oaktree Capital I, L.P. is OAktree Capital I, L.P. The general partner of Oaktree Capital I, L.P. is OAktree Holdings, LLC is Oaktree Capital Group, LLC. Oaktree Capital Group Holdings GP, LLC is the owner of the indirect owner of the Class B units of Oaktree Capital Group, LLC. Browkfield Corporation is the indirect owner of the Class A units of Oaktree Capital Group, LLC, BAM Partners Trust is the sole owner of Class B Limited Voting Shares of Brookfield Corporation (f/k/a Brookfield Asset Management Inc.). Each of the general partners, managing members, and equity owners listed above expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares except to the extent of their respective pecuniary interest therein, if any. The address of OCM Opps EB Holdings, Ltd. is c/o Oaktree Capital Management, L.P. 333 South Grand Avenue, 28th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90071.

# PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The securities covered by this prospectus may be offered and sold by us and the selling shareholder, or by transferees, assignees, donees, pledgees or other successors-in-interest of such securities received from the selling shareholder, directly or indirectly through brokers-dealers, agents or underwriters on the New York Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange, market or trading facility on which such securities are traded, or through private transactions. Our securities covered by this prospectus may be transferred, sold or otherwise disposed of by any method permitted by law, including, without limitation, one or more of following transactions:

- ordinary brokerage transactions or transactions in which the broker solicits purchasers;
- purchases by a broker or dealer as principal and the subsequent resale by such broker or dealer for its account;
- block trades, in which a broker or dealer attempts to sell the securities as agent but may position and resell a portion of the securities as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- through the writing of options on the securities, whether such options are listed on an options exchange or otherwise;
- an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable stock exchange;
- through privately negotiated transactions;
- through the settlement of short sales entered into after the date of this prospectus;
- by agreement with a broker-dealers to sell a specified number of securities at a stipulated price per share;
- a combination of any such methods of sale;
- through at-the-market offerings into an existing trading market in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act; and
- any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

We may offer our equity securities described in this prospectus into an existing trading market on the terms described in the prospectus supplement thereto. Underwriters and dealers who may participate in any at-the-market offerings will be described in the prospectus supplement relating thereto.

The selling shareholder may also sell securities under Section 4(a)(1) of the Securities Act, including transactions in accordance with Rule 144 promulgated thereunder, if available, rather than under this prospectus.

The selling shareholder may also transfer their shares including by means of gifts, donations and contributions. Subject to certain limitations under rules promulgated under the Securities Act, this prospectus may be used by the recipients of such gifts, donations and contributions to offer and sell the shares received by them, directly or through brokers-dealers or agents and in private or public transactions.

Broker-dealers engaged by us or the selling shareholder may arrange for other brokers-dealers to participate in sales. Broker-dealers may receive commissions or discounts from us or the selling shareholder (or, if any broker-dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of securities, from the purchaser), as the case may be, in amounts to be negotiated.

The selling shareholder may, from time to time, pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of the securities owned by them and, if they default in the performance of their secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the securities, from time to time, under this prospectus, or under an amendment to this prospectus under Rule 424(b)(3) or other applicable provision of the Securities Act amending the selling shareholder table to include any pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as a selling shareholder under this prospectus. The

selling shareholder also may transfer the securities in other circumstances, in which case the transferees, pledgees or other successors in interest will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus.

In connection with the sale of our securities or interests therein, the selling shareholder may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the securities in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling shareholder may also sell securities short and deliver these securities to close out their short positions, or loan or pledge the securities to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The selling shareholder may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of securities offered by this prospectus, which securities such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction).

We and the selling shareholder may sell the securities at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at negotiated prices, at fixed prices or without consideration by any legally available means. The aggregate net proceeds from the sale of the securities will be the purchase price of such securities less any discounts, concessions or commissions received by broker-dealers or agents. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of any securities by the selling shareholder.

The selling shareholder and any broker-dealers or agents who participate in the distribution of our securities may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act. Any commission received by such broker-dealers or agent on the sales and any profit on the resale of securities purchased by broker-dealers or agents may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act. As a result, we have informed the selling shareholder that Regulation M, promulgated under the Exchange Act, may apply to sales by the selling shareholder in the market. The selling shareholder may agree to indemnify any broker, dealer or agent that participates in transactions involving the sale of our securities against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

To the extent required with respect to a particular offer or sale of our securities, we will file a prospectus supplement pursuant to Section 424(b) of the Securities Act, which will accompany this prospectus, to disclose:

- the number and type of securities to be sold;
- the purchase price;
- the name of each selling shareholder, if any, and the name of any broker-dealer or agent effecting the sale or transfer and the amount of any
  applicable discounts, commissions or similar selling expenses; and
- any other relevant information.

The selling shareholder is acting independently of us in making decisions with respect to the timing, price, manner and size of each sale of securities held by it. We have not engaged any broker-dealer or agent in connection with the sale of securities held by the selling shareholder, and there is no assurance that the selling shareholder will sell any or all of its securities. We have agreed to make available to the selling shareholder copies of this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement and have informed the selling shareholder of the need to deliver copies of this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement to purchasers prior to any sale to them.

Under the securities laws of some states, the securities may be sold in such states only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states the securities may not be sold unless such securities have been registered or qualified for sale in such state or an exemption from registration or qualification is available and is complied with.

We will pay all expenses of the registration of the securities to be sold by the selling shareholder pursuant to the A&R Registration Rights Agreement, including, without limitation, Commission filing fees and expenses of compliance with state securities or "blue sky" laws; provided, however, a selling shareholder will pay all underwriting discounts and selling commissions, if any. We will indemnify the selling shareholder party to the A&R

Registration Rights Agreement against liabilities, including some liabilities under the Securities Act in accordance with the A&R Registration Rights Agreement or such selling shareholder will be entitled to contribution. We may be indemnified by such selling shareholder against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act that may arise from any written information furnished to us by such selling shareholder specifically for use in this prospectus, in accordance with the A&R Registration Rights Agreement or we may be entitled to contribution.

Once sold under the registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part, the securities will be freely tradable in the hands of persons other than our affiliates.

The selling shareholder and any broker-dealers or other persons acting on our behalf or on the behalf of the selling shareholder that participate with the selling shareholder in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and any commissions received or profit realized by them on the resale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. As a result, we have, directly or indirectly, informed the selling shareholder that Regulation M, promulgated under the Exchange Act, may apply to sales by the selling shareholder in the market. The selling shareholder may agree to indemnify any broker, dealer or agent that participates in transactions involving the sale of shares of our common stock against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

We will bear the registration costs relating to the securities offered and sold by the selling shareholder under this registration statement.

#### EXPERTS

The financial statements of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2022 incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and the effectiveness of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report. Such financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of such firm given their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain matters of Marshall Islands law will be passed upon for us by Seward & Kissel LLP, Marshall Islands counsel. Certain matters of United States law will be passed upon for us by Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, New York, New York. Certain matters of the United States tax law will be passed upon for us by Seward & Kissel LLP, United States tax counsel.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports with the Commission. The Commission maintains a website (http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the Commission. Our filings are also available on our website (http://www.eagleships.com). The information on our website, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement.

### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The Commission allows us to "incorporate by reference" information that we file with it. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those filed documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the Commission prior to the termination of this offering will also be considered to be part of this prospectus and will automatically update and supersede previously filed information, including information contained in this document.

We hereby incorporate by reference the documents listed below and certain future filings made with the Commission under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the Commission on March 10, 2023 (including the portions of our proxy statement for our 2023 annual meeting of shareholders incorporated by reference therein, which we will file prior to requesting the acceleration of effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part if, prior to effectiveness of this registration statement, we do not file an Annual Report on Form 10-K/A that includes Part III information);
- Our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 19, 2023;
- The description of our common stock contained in <u>Exhibit 4.3</u> to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the Commission on March 10, 2023; and
- All documents we file with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus (if they state that they are incorporated by reference into this prospectus) until we file a post-effective amendment indicating that the offering of the securities made by this prospectus has been terminated.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. We have not, and any underwriters have not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement as well as the information we previously filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference, is accurate as of the dates on the front cover of those documents only. Our business, financial condition and results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no information is incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement where such information under applicable Forms and regulations of the Commission is not deemed to be "filed" under Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, unless we indicate in the report or filing containing such information that the information is to be considered "filed" under the Exchange Act or is to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. You may access our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those documents filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act with the Commission free of charge at the Commission's website or our website at www.eagleships.com soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Commission. The reference to our website does not constitute incorporation by reference of the information contained in our website. The information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not part of this prospectus or the related registration statement. You may request a free copy of the above mentioned filings or any subsequent filing we incorporated by reference to this prospectus by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. 300 First Stamford Place, 5th Floor Stamford, Connecticut 06902 +1 (203) 276-8100

## ENFORCEABILITY OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

We are incorporated under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Certain of our directors, and officers reside outside the United States. In addition, a substantial portion of our assets and the assets of such directors and officers are located outside the United States. As a result, you may have difficulty serving legal process within the United States upon any of these persons. You may also have difficulty enforcing, both in and outside the United States, judgments you may obtain in United States courts against us or these persons in any action, including actions based upon the civil liability provisions of United States federal or state securities laws. Furthermore, there is substantial doubt that the courts of the Marshall Islands would enter judgments in original actions brought in those courts predicated on United States federal or state securities laws.

### Part II

### INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN THE PROSPECTUS

#### Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth the fees and expenses in connection with the registration and distribution of the securities being registered hereunder, which will be paid by the Company. The selling shareholder will not bear any of the expenses set forth below. Except for the Commission registration fee, all amounts are estimates.

| Commission Registration Fee    | \$<br>101,706.97 (1) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| FINRA filing fee               | *                    |
| Legal fees and expenses        | *                    |
| Accountants' fees and expenses | *                    |
| Printing expenses              | *                    |
| Miscellaneous costs            | *                    |
| Total                          | \$<br>*              |

(1) \$98,833.18 was previously paid.

Estimated fees and expenses are not presently known. The foregoing sets forth the general categories of fees and expenses (other than underwriting discounts and commissions) that we anticipate we will incur in connection with the offering of securities under this registration statement. An estimate of the aggregate fees and expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being offered will be included in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 60 of the BCA provides as follows with respect to the indemnification of directors and officers:

(1) Actions not by or in right of the corporation. A corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of no contest, or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of no contest, or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

(2) Actions by or in right of the corporation. A corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

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(3) When director or officer successful. To the extent that a director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (1) or (2) of this section, or in the defense of a claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

(4) *Payment of expenses in advance*. Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the board of directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this section.

(5) *Indemnification pursuant to other rights.* The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the other subsections of this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of shareholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.

(6) *Continuation of Indemnification*. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this section shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such person.

(7) *Insurance*. A corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director or officer against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in such capacity whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this section.

The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws provide for indemnification of directors and officers, to the fullest extent permitted by the BCA, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred by such director or officer in connection with their official capacity as a director or officer or in any other capacity on behalf of the Company while serving as a director or officer. Such right to indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer of the Company and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and personal and legal representatives; provided, however, that, except for proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification, the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify any director or officer (or his or her heirs, executors or personal or legal representatives) in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person unless such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized or consented to by the board of directors of the Company.

No director shall be personally liable to the Company or any of its shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted under the BCA as the same exists or may hereafter be amended.

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## Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

The following documents are filed as a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this report:

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit  |
|-------------|---|
| 1.1*        | Form of Underwriting Agreement.   |
| 4.1         | Second Amended and Restated By-Laws of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., dated as of October 15, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the<br>Current Report on Form 8-K of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., filed with the Commission on October 16, 2014; File No. 001-33831).   |
| 4.2         | Third Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., dated as of August 4, 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., filed with the Commission on August 4, 2016; File No. 001-33831).   |
| 4.3         | Articles of Amendment to Third Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., filed with the Commission on September 14, 2020; File No. 001-33831).  |
| 4.4         | Form of Specimen Stock Certificate of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of Eagle<br>Bulk Shipping Inc., filed with the Commission on October 16, 2014; File No. 001-33831).  |
| 4.5*        | Form of Specimen Preferred Stock Certificate.   |
| 4.6*        | Form of Warrant Agreement.  |
| 4.7*        | Form of Purchase Agreement.   |
| 4.8*        | Form of Purchase Agreement Certificate.   |
| 4.9*        | Form of Rights Agreement.   |
| 4.10*       | Form of Unit Agreement.   |
| 4.11**      | Form of Senior Indenture.   |
| 4.12**      | Form of Subordinated Indenture  |
| 4.13        | Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of May 13, 2016, by and between Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. and the Holders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., filed with the Commission on May 14, 2016; File No. 001-33831).                         |
| 4.14        | Indenture, dated as of July 29, 2019, between Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, relating to 5.00% Convertible<br>Senior Notes due 2024 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. filed with the<br>Commission on August 2, 2019; File No. 001-33831). |
| 4.15        | Form of Note representing the Company's 5.00% Convertible Senior Notes due 2024 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Current Report<br>on Form 8-K of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., filed with the Commission on August 2, 2019; File No. 001-33831).   |
| 5.1**       | Opinion of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., United States counsel to Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.   |
| 5.2**       | Opinion of Seward & Kissel LLP, Marshall Islands counsel to Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.  |
| 8.1**       | Opinion of Seward & Kissel LLP, with respect to certain tax matters   |
| 23.1**      | Consent of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1)  |
| 23.2**      | Consent of Seward & Kissel LLP (included in Exhibit 5.2).   |
| 23.3**      | Consent of Seward & Kissel LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1).   |
| 23.4**      | Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.  |
| 24**        | Powers of Attorney (contained in signature page).   |
| 25.1***     | Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility of Trustee for the Indenture.   |
| 107**       | <u>Filing Fee Table</u>   |

To be filed as an amendment or as an exhibit to a report filed pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and incorporated by reference into this registration statement.
 \*\* Filed herewith.

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\*\*\* To be filed in accordance with Trust Indenture Act Section 305(b)(2).

#### Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (a) Under Rule 415 of the Securities Act,
  - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
    - (i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
    - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
    - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided*, *however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii) and (iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by such registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) Not applicable
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
  - (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
  - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter,

such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; or

(6) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (7) that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act") in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or

otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

- (i) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:
  - For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b) (1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
  - (2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (j) Not applicable.
- (k) Not applicable.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut on March 24, 2023.

By:

### EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC.

/s/ Gary Vogel Name: Gary Vogel Title: Chief Executive Officer

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each of the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Gary Vogel and Frank De Costanzo, and each of them, any of whom may act without joinder of the other, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution, for him or her and on his or her behalf and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign, execute and file this registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any or all amendments (including, without limitation, post-effective amendments), with all exhibits and any and all documents required to be filed with respect thereto, with the Securities and Exchange Commission or any regulatory authority, granting unto such attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises in order to effectuate the same, as fully to all intents and purposes as he himself might or could do, if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons on March 24, 2023. in the capacities indicated.

| Signature               | Title   |
|-------------------------|---|
| /s/ Gary Vogel          | Chief Executive Officer and Director                              |
| Gary Vogel              | (Principal Executive Officer)                                     |
| /s/ Justin A. Knowles   | Director  |
| Justin A. Knowles       |   |
| /s/ A. Kate Blankenship | Director  |
| A. Kate Blankenship     |   |
| /s/ Randee E. Day       | Director  |
| Randee E. Day           |   |
| /s/ Gary Weston         | Director  |
| Gary Weston             |   |
| /s/ Bart Velduizen      | Director  |
| Bart Velduizen          |   |
| /s/ Paul M. Leand Jr.   | Chairman of the Board and Director                                |
| Paul M. Leand Jr.       |   |
| /s/ Frank De Costanzo   | Chief Financial Officer   |
| Frank De Costanzo       | (Principal Financial Officer and<br>Principal Accounting Officer) |

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

/s/ Frank De Costanzo By: Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### ANTWERP EAGLE LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Holdco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Antwerp Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

Bv: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

AVOCET SHIPPING LLC By: Eagle Bulk Holdco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Avocet Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

Bv: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### **BITTERN SHIPPING LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member /s/ Frank De Costanzo By: Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Bittern Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

Bv: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **CANARY SHIPPING LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Canary Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

Bv: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### CAPE TOWN EAGLE LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member /s/ Frank De Costanzo By: Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Cape Town Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

Bv: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **CARDINAL SHIPPING LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Holdco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Cardinal Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

Bv: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### **COPENHAGEN EAGLE LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member /s/ Frank De Costanzo By: Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Copenhagen Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

Bv: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **CRANE SHIPPING LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member /s/ Frank De Costanzo By: Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Crane Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

Bv: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **CRESTED EAGLE SHIPPING LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole MemberBy: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole MemberBy: /s/ Frank De CostanzoName: Frank De CostanzoTitle: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Crested Eagle Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

## EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., it's Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### **CROWNED EAGLE SHIPPING LLC**

By; Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole MemberBy: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole MemberBy:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De CostanzoTitle:Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Crowned Eagle Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

## EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., it's Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **DUBLIN EAGLE LLC**

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Dublin Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

## EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., it's Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK HOLDCO LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:    | /s/ Frank De Costanzo   |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Name:  | Frank De Costanzo       |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |

## AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Eagle Bulk Holdco LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:    | /s/ Frank De Costanzo   |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Name:  | Frank De Costanzo       |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK SHIPCO LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:    | /s/ Frank De Costanzo   |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Name:  | Frank De Costanzo       |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |

## AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Eagle Bulk Shipco LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:    | /s/ Frank De Costanzo   |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Name:  | Frank De Costanzo       |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK ULTRACO LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:    | /s/ Frank De Costanzo   |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Name:  | Frank De Costanzo       |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |

## AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:    | /s/ Frank De Costanzo   |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Name:  | Frank De Costanzo       |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EGRET SHIPPING LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Egret Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**FAIRFIELD EAGLE LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Fairfield Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### GANNET SHIPPING LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Gannet Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### **GIBRALTAR EAGLE LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Holdco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Gibraltar Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **GOLDEN EAGLE SHIPPING LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Golden Eagle Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **GREBE SHIPPING LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Grebe Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### **GREENWICH EAGLE LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Greenwich Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **GROTON EAGLE LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Groton Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### HALIFAX EAGLE LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Holdco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Halifax Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

HAMBURG EAGLE LLC By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Hamburg Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### HELSINKI EAGLE LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Helsinki Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### HONG KONG EAGLE LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Hong Kong Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **IBIS SHIPPING LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Ibis Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### IMPERIAL EAGLE SHIPPING LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Imperial Eagle Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**JAEGER SHIPPING LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Holdco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Jaeger Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

## JAY SHIPPING LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Jay Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### **KINGFISHER SHIPPING LLC**

| By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member |                                     |  |  |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| By: Eagle                                   | Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member |  |  |  |  |
| By:   | /s/ Frank De Costanzo               |  |  |  |  |
| Name: Frank De Costanzo                     |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Title: Chief Financial Officer              |                                     |  |  |  |  |

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Kingfisher Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:   | /s/ Frank De Costanzo |
|-------|-----------------------|
| Name: | Frank De Costanzo     |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### MADISON EAGLE LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Madison Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

MARTIN SHIPPING LLC By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member /s/ Frank De Costanzo Bv: Frank De Costanzo Name: Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Martin Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### MONTAUK EAGLE LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Chief Financial Officer Title:

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Montauk Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### MYSTIC EAGLE LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Frank De Costanzo
 Frank De Costanzo

Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Mystic Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### NEW LONDON EAGLE LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of New London Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### NEWPORT EAGLE LLC

| By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member   |                   |  |  |  |  |
|---|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member |                   |  |  |  |  |
| By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo                     |                   |  |  |  |  |
| Name:   | Frank De Costanzo |  |  |  |  |
| Title: Chief Financial Officer                |                   |  |  |  |  |

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Newport Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:   | /s/ Frank De Costanzo |
|-------|-----------------------|
| Name: | Frank De Costanzo     |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### NIGHTHAWK SHIPPING LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Nighthawk Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**ORIOLE SHIPPING LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member /s/ Frank De Costanzo Bv: Frank De Costanzo Name: Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Oriole Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### **OSLO EAGLE LLC**

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Oslo Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **OWL SHIPPING LLC**

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Frank De Costanzo

Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Owl Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**PETREL SHIPPING LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Title: **Chief Financial Officer** 

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Petrel Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# **EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# PUFFIN SHIPPING LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Puffin Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **ROADRUNNER SHIPPING LLC**

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Roadrunner Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:   | /s/ Frank De Costanzo |
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| Name: | Frank De Costanzo     |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **ROTTERDAM EAGLE LLC**

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member /s/ Frank De Costanzo Bv: Frank De Costanzo Name: Title: Chief Financial Officer

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Rotterdam Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:    | /s/ Frank De Costanzo   |  |  |  |  |
|--------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Name:  | Frank De Costanzo       |  |  |  |  |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |  |  |  |  |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### **ROWAYTON EAGLE LLC**

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Rowayton Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

## SANDPIPER SHIPPING LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member /s/ Frank De Costanzo Bv: Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Sandpiper Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:    | /s/ Frank De Costanzo   |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Name:  | Frank De Costanzo       |
| Title: | Chief Financial Officer |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### SANKATY EAGLE LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Sankaty Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### SANTOS EAGLE LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Santos Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### SHANGHAI EAGLE LLC

| By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member |                                     |  |  |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| By: Eagle                                   | Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member |  |  |  |  |
| By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo                   |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Name: Frank De Costanzo                     |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Title:                                      | Chief Financial Officer             |  |  |  |  |

### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Shanghai Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:   | /s/ Frank De Costanzo |
|-------|-----------------------|
| Name: | Frank De Costanzo     |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### SINGAPORE EAGLE LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Singapore Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### SKUA SHIPPING LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipco LLC, its Sole MemberBy: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole MemberBy:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Skua Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

# SOUTHPORT EAGLE LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Southport Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**STAMFORD EAGLE LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member /s/ Frank De Costanzo Bv: Frank De Costanzo Name: Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Stamford Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

### STELLAR EAGLE SHIPPING LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Stellar Eagle Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

| By:   | /s/ Frank De Costanzo |
|-------|-----------------------|
| Name: | Frank De Costanzo     |

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### STOCKHOLM EAGLE LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Stockholm Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### STONINGTON EAGLE LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Stonington Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### SYDNEY EAGLE LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Sydney Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### TERN SHIPPING LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo Title: Chief Financial Officer

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Tern Shipping LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### **TOKYO EAGLE LLC**

 By: Eagle Bulk Holdco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

 Title:
 Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Tokyo Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

VALENCIA EAGLE LLC By: Eagle Bulk Holdco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member /s/ Frank De Costanzo Bv: Frank De Costanzo Name: Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Valencia Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### VANCOUVER EAGLE LLC

 By: Eagle Bulk Holdco LLC, its Sole Member

 By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

 By:
 /s/ Frank De Costanzo

 Name:
 Frank De Costanzo

Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Vancouver Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By:/s/ Frank De CostanzoName:Frank De Costanzo

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

**WESTPORT EAGLE LLC** By: Eagle Bulk Ultraco LLC, its Sole Member By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member /s/ Frank De Costanzo Bv: Frank De Costanzo Name: Title: Chief Financial Officer

#### AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Act, the undersigned, the duly undersigned representative in the United States of Westport Eagle LLC, has signed this registration statement in the City of Stamford, State of Connecticut, on March 24, 2023.

#### EAGLE BULK (DELAWARE) LLC

By: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Frank De Costanzo Name: Frank De Costanzo

# **Calculation of Filing Fee Tables**

# Form S-3 (Form Type)

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

# **Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities**

|                            | Security<br>Type                    | Security<br>Class<br>Title                           | Fee<br>Calculation<br>or Carry<br>Forward<br>Rule | Amount<br>Registered     | Proposed<br>Maximum<br>Offering<br>Price Per<br>Unit | Maximum<br>Aggregate<br>Offering<br>Price | Fee<br>Rate  | Amount of<br>Registration<br>Fee <sup>(4)</sup> | Carry<br>Forward<br>Form<br>Type | Carry<br>Forward<br>File<br>Number | Carry<br>Forward<br>Initial<br>effective<br>date | Filing Fee<br>Previously<br>Paid In<br>Connection<br>with<br>Unsold<br>Securities<br>to be<br>Carried<br>Forward |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|--|---|--------------|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
|                            |                                     |  |   |                          | Newly I  | Registered Secu                           | rities       |   |                                  |                                    |  |  |
| Fees<br>to<br>Be<br>Paid   | Equity                              | Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01<br>per share    | Rule<br>457(o)                                    | 3,781,561 <sup>(1)</sup> | \$45.73 <sup>(2)</sup>                               | \$172,930,785                             | \$0.00011020 | \$19,056.97                                     |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            | Equity                              | Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01<br>per share    | Rule<br>457(o)                                    | (3)                      |  |   |              |   |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            | Equity                              | Preferred<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01<br>per share | Rule<br>457(o)                                    | (3)                      |  |   |              |   |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            | Debt                                | Debt<br>Securities                                   | Rule<br>457(o)                                    | (3)                      |  |   |              |   |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            | Debt                                | Guarantees   | Rule<br>457(o)                                    | (3)                      |  |   |              |   |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            | Other                               | Warrants <sup>(5)</sup>                              | Rule<br>457(o)                                    | (3)                      |  |   |              |   |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            | Other                               | Purchase contracts                                   | Rule<br>457(o)                                    | (3)                      |  |   |              |   |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            | Other                               | Rights   | Rule<br>457(o)                                    | (3)                      |  |   |              |   |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            | Other                               | Units <sup>(6)</sup>                                 | Rule<br>457(o)                                    | (3)                      |  |   |              |   |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            | Unallocated<br>(Universal)<br>Shelf | Unallocated<br>(Universal)<br>Shelf                  | Rule<br>457(o)                                    | \$750,000,000            | (7)  | \$750,000,000                             | \$0.00011020 | \$82,650  |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            | Total Offering Amounts              |  |   | \$922,930,785            |  | \$101,706.97                              |              |   |                                  |                                    |  |  |
| Total Fees Previously Paid |                                     |  |   |                          | -  |   |              |   |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            |                                     | Total Fee  |   |                          |  |   |              | \$98,833.18 <sup>(8)</sup>                      |                                  |                                    |  |  |
|                            | Net Fees Due                        |  |   |                          |  |   |              | \$2,873.79                                      |                                  |                                    |  |  |

- (1) Represents the shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock") of the registrant that will be offered for resale by the selling shareholders pursuant to the prospectus included in the registration statement to which this exhibit is attached.
- (2) The registration fee with respect to these securities has been calculated in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act, based on the average high and low prices reported for the registrant's Common Stock on March 20, 2023.
- (3) The amount to be registered consists of up to \$750,000,000 of an indeterminate amount of each security class listed in Table 1. There is also being registered hereunder such currently indeterminate number of (i) shares of Common Stock or other securities of the registrant as may be issued upon conversion of, or in exchange for, convertible or exchangeable Debt Securities and/or Preferred Stock registered hereby, or (ii) shares of Common Stock, Preferred Stock or Debt Securities or other securities of the registrant as may be issued upon exercise of Warrants registered hereby, as the case may be, including under any applicable anti-dilution provisions. Any securities registered hereunder may be sold separately or together with other securities registered hereunder. Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, this Registration Statement shall be deemed to cover an indeterminate number of additional securities to be offered as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (4) The registration fee has been calculated in accordance with Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act.
- (5) The Warrants (as defined in this Registration Statement) covered by this Registration Statement may be Common Stock warrants, Preferred Stock warrants, or Debt Securities warrants.
- (6) Each Unit (as defined in this Registration Statement) will be issued under a unit agreement or an indenture and will represent an interest in two or more securities registered hereby, including shares of Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Debt Securities or Warrants, which may or may not be separable from one another.
- (7) The proposed maximum offering price per security will be determined from time to time by the registrant in connection with the issuance of the securities registered by this Registration Statement. Prices, when determined, may be in U.S. dollars or the equivalent thereof in one or more foreign currencies, foreign currency units or composite currencies. If any Debt Securities or shares of Preferred Stock are issued at an original issue discount, then the amount registered will include the principal or liquidation amount of such securities measured by the initial offering price thereof.
- (8) On August 9, 2019, the registrant initially filed a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-233208), which was amended by that certain pre-effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-3, dated as of September 17, 2019 and pre-effective Amendment No. 2 to Form S-3 dated as of October 2, 2019, and was declared effective on October 17, 2019 (as so amended the "Prior Registration Statement"). The Prior Registration Statement registered an aggregate principal amount of \$750,000,000 of Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Debt Securities, Guaranties, Warrants, Rights and Units to be offered by the registrant from time to time (the "Primary Offering") and 47,216,654 shares of Common Stock by the selling shareholders named therein (the "Secondary Offering" and together with the Primary Offering, the "Original Offering"). The Prior Registration Statement expired in August 2022. In connection with the filing of the Prior Registration Statement, the registrant paid \$26,414.79 in fees to register the shares in the Secondary Offering. As a result, the registrant has \$106,668.06 in unused filing fees associated with the Original Offering. In accordance with Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant is using \$98,833.18 of the unused filing fees to offset the filing fee in connection with this filing.

|                          | Table 2: Fee Offset Claims and Sources |                              |                |                           |                   |                            |   |  |  |  |                                       |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
|                          | Registrant<br>or Filer<br>Name         | Form<br>or<br>Filing<br>Type | File<br>Number | Initial<br>Filing<br>Date | Filing<br>Date    | Fee Offset<br>Claimed      | Security Type<br>Associated with<br>Fee Offset<br>Claimed | Security Title<br>Associated with<br>Fee Offset<br>Claimed | Unsold<br>Securities<br>Associated with<br>Fee Offset<br>Claimed | Unsold Aggregate<br>Offering Amount<br>Associated with Fee<br>Offset Claimed | Fee Paid with<br>Fee Offset<br>Source |
|                          |  |                              |                |                           |                   | I                          | Rule 457(p)   |  |  |  |                                       |
| Fee<br>Offset<br>Claims  | Eagle<br>Bulk<br>Shipping<br>Inc.      | S-3                          | 333-<br>233208 | August<br>9, 2019         |                   | \$16,183.18 <sup>(1)</sup> | Equity  | Common<br>Stock, par<br>value<br>\$0.01<br>per share       | 45,521,472   | \$124,677,815.74   |                                       |
| Fee<br>Offset<br>Sources | Eagle<br>Bulk<br>Shipping<br>Inc.      | S-3                          |                |                           | August<br>9, 2019 |                            |   |  |  |  | \$16,183.18                           |
| Fee<br>Offset<br>Claims  | Eagle<br>Bulk<br>Shipping<br>Inc.      | S-3                          | 333-<br>233208 | August<br>9, 2019         |                   | \$90,484.88 <sup>(1)</sup> | Unallocated<br>(Universal)<br>Shelf                       | Unallocated<br>(Universal)<br>Shelf                        | Unallocated<br>(Universal)<br>Shelf                              | \$697,110,008.00   |                                       |
| Fee<br>Offset<br>Sources | Eagle<br>Bulk<br>Shipping<br>Inc.      | S-3                          |                |                           | August<br>9, 2019 |                            |   |  |  |  | \$82,650.00                           |

(1) See footnote 8 above.

# EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC.

# SENIOR INDENTURE

Dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_

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[Name of Trustee]

Trustee

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| (b)               | 10.3                              |
| (c)               | 10.3                              |
| Section 313(a)    | 7.6                               |
| (b)(1)            | 7.6                               |
| (b)(2)            | 7.6                               |
| (c)(1)            | 7.6                               |
| (d)               | 7.6                               |
| Section 314(a)    | 4.2, 10.5                         |
| (b)               | Not Applicable                    |
| (c)(1)            | 10.4                              |
| (c)(2)            | 10.4                              |
| (c)(3)            | Not Applicable                    |
| (d)               | Not Applicable                    |
| (e)               | 10.5                              |
| (f)               | Not Applicable                    |
| Section 315(a)    | 7.1                               |
| (b)               | 7.5                               |
| (c)               | 7.1                               |
| (d)               | 7.1                               |
| (e)               | 6.14                              |
| Section 316(a)    | 2.10                              |
|                   | (a)(1)(A) (a)(1)(B) 6.12 (b) 6.13 |
| Section 317(a)(1) | 6.8                               |
| (a)(2)            | 6.4                               |
| (b)               | 2.5                               |
| Section 318(a)    | 10.1                              |
|                   |                                   |

Note: This reconciliation and tie shall not, for any purpose, be deemed to be part of the Indenture.

# Reconciliation and tie between Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and Indenture, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

Indenture dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ between Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., a company organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands (the "Company") and [Name of Trustee], a \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Trustee").

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities issued under this Indenture.

#### ARTICLE I.

#### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Section 1.1 Definitions.

"Additional Amounts" means any additional amounts which are required hereby or by any Security, under circumstances specified herein or therein, to be paid by the Company in respect of certain taxes imposed on Holders specified therein and which are owing to such Holders.

"Affiliate" of any specified person means any other person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified person. For the purposes of this definition,

"control" (including, with correlative meanings, the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with"), as used with respect to any person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such person, whether through the ownership of voting securities or by agreement or otherwise.

"Agent" means any Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent.

"Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Company or any duly authorized committee thereof.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been adopted by the Board of Directors or pursuant to authorization by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of the certificate and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means a day (other than Saturday or Sunday) on which the Depository and banks in the City of New York, and banks in the city in which the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee is located, is open for business.

"Certificated Securities" means Securities in the form of physical, certificated Securities in registered form.

"Company" means the party named as such above until a successor replaces it and thereafter means the successor.

"Company Order" means a written order signed in the name of the Company by an Officer that is the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer.

"Company Request" means a written request signed in the name of the Company by its Chairman of the Board, a President or a Vice President, and by its Chief Financial Officer, its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be principally administered.

"Debt" of any person as of any date means, without duplication, all indebtedness of such person in respect of borrowed money, including all interest, fees and expenses owed in respect thereto (whether or not the recourse of the lender is to the whole of the assets of such person or only to a portion thereof), or evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments.

"Default" means any event which is, or after notice or passage of time would be, an Event of Default.

"Depository" means, with respect to the Securities of any Series issuable or issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities, the person designated as Depository for such Series by the

Company, which Depository shall be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act; and if at any time there is more than one such person, "Depository" as used with respect to the Securities of any Series shall mean the Depository with respect to the Securities of such Series.

"Discount Security" means any Security that provides for an amount less than the stated principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2.

"Dollars" means the currency of The United States of America.

"ECU" means the European Currency Unit as determined by the Commission of the European Union.

"Event of Default" see Section 6.1.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Foreign Currency" means any currency or currency unit issued by a government other than the government of The United States of

America.

"Foreign Government obligations" means with respect to Securities of any Series that are denominated in a Foreign Currency, (i) direct obligations of the government that issued or caused to be issued such currency for the payment of which obligations its full faith and credit is pledged or (ii) obligations of a person controlled or supervised by or acting as an agency or instrumentality of such government the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by such government, which, in either case under clauses (i) or (ii), are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof.

"Global Security" or "Global Securities" means a Security or Securities, as the case may be, in the form established pursuant to Section 2.2 evidencing all or part of a Series of Securities, issued to the Depository for such Series or its nominee, and registered in the name of such Depository or nominee.

"Holder" or "Securityholder" means a person in whose name a Security is registered.

"Indenture" means this Indenture as amended from time to time and shall include the form and terms of particular Series of Securities established as contemplated hereunder.

"Interest" with respect to any Discount Security which by its terms bears interest only after Maturity, means interest payable after

Maturity.

"Maturity," when used with respect to any Security or installment of principal thereof, means the date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of principal becomes due and payable as therein or herein provided, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption, notice of option to elect repayment or otherwise.

"Officer" means the Chairman of the Board, the President, any Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary of the Company.

"Officer's Certificate" means a certificate signed by an Officer of the Company.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of legal counsel who is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Such legal counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company.

"Participants" means those Persons designated as participants by the Depositary.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability company, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Principal" of a Security means the principal of the Security plus, when appropriate, the premium, if any, on, and any Additional Amounts in respect of, the Security.

"Responsible Officer" means any officer of the Trustee in its Corporate Trust Office and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of his or her knowledge of and familiarity with a particular subject.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Security" or "Securities" means the debentures, notes or other debt instruments of the Company of any Series authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Series" or "Series of Securities" means each series of debentures, notes or other debt instruments of the Company created pursuant to Sections 2.1 and 2.2 hereof.

"Significant Subsidiary" means (i) any direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Company that would be a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as such regulation is in effect on the date hereof, or (ii) any group of direct or indirect Subsidiaries of the Company that, taken together as a group, would be a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as such regulation is in effect on the date hereof.

"Stated Maturity" when used with respect to any Security or any installment of principal thereof or interest thereon, means the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of principal or interest is due and payable.

"Subordinated Indebtedness" means any indebtedness which is expressly subordinated to the indebtedness evidenced by Securities.

"Subsidiary" of any specified person means any corporation of which at least a majority of the outstanding stock having by the terms thereof ordinary voting power for the election of directors of such corporation (irrespective of whether or not at the time stock of any other class or classes of such corporation shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency) is at the time directly or indirectly owned by such person, or by one or more other Subsidiaries, or by such person and one or more other Subsidiaries.

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S. Code Sections 77aaa-77bbbb) as in effect on the date of this Indenture; provided, however, that in the event the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is amended after such date, "TIA" means, to the extent required by any such amendment, the Trust Indenture Act as so amended.

"Trustee" means the person named as the "Trustee" in the first paragraph of this instrument until a successor Trustee shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Trustee" shall mean or include each person who is then a Trustee hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such person, "Trustee" as used with respect to the Securities of any Series shall mean the Trustee with respect to Securities of that Series.

"U.S. Government Obligations" means securities which are (i) direct obligations of The United States of America for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (ii) obligations of a person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of The United States of America the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by The United States of America, and which in the case of (i) and (ii) are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt, provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt.

## Section 1.2 Other Definitions.

| TERM                             | DEFINED IN<br>SECTION |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| "Bankruptcy Law"                 | 6.1                   |
| "Custodian"                      | 6.1                   |
| "Event of Default"               | 6.1                   |
| "Journal"                        | 10.15                 |
| "Judgment Currency"              | 10.16                 |
| "Legal Holiday"                  | 10.7                  |
| "mandatory sinking fund payment" | 11.1                  |
| "Market Exchange Rate"           | 10.15                 |
| "New York Banking Day"           | 10.16                 |
| "optional sinking fund payment"  | 11.1                  |
| "Paying Agent"                   | 2.4                   |
| "Registrar"                      | 2.4                   |
| "Required Currency"              | 10.16                 |
| "Service Agent"                  | 2.4                   |
| "successor person"               | 5.1                   |

Section 1.3 Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act.

Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture. The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

"Commission" means the SEC.

"indenture securities" means the Securities.

"indenture security holder" means a Securityholder.

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture.

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee.

"obligor" on the indenture securities means the Company and any successor obligor upon the Securities.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule under the TIA and not otherwise defined herein are used herein as so defined.

Section 1.4 Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;

principles;

(b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with generally accepted accounting

(c) references to "generally accepted accounting principles" shall mean generally accepted accounting principles in effect as of the time when and for the period as to which such accounting principles are to be applied;

(d) "or" is not exclusive;

- (e) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular; and
- (f) provisions apply to successive events and transactions.

#### ARTICLE II. THE SECURITIES

Section 2.1 Issuable in Series.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. The Securities may be issued in one or more Series. All Securities of a Series shall be identical except as may be set forth in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture or an Officer's Certificate detailing the adoption of the terms thereof pursuant to the authority granted under a Board Resolution. In the case of Securities of a Series to be issued from time to time, the Board Resolution, Officer's Certificate or supplemental indenture may provide for the method by which specified terms (such as interest rate, maturity date, record date or date from which interest shall accrue) are to be determined. Securities may differ between Series in respect of any matters, provided that all Series of Securities shall be equally and ratably entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.

Section 2.2 Establishment of Terms of Series of Securities.

At or prior to the issuance of any Securities within a Series, the following shall be established (as to the Series generally, in the case of Subsection 2.2.1 and either as to such Securities within the Series or as to the Series generally in the case of Subsections 2.2.2 through 2.2.20) by a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture or an Officer's Certificate pursuant to authority granted under a Board Resolution:

2.2.1 the title, designation, aggregate principal amount and authorized denominations of the Securities of the Series;

2.2.2 the price or prices (expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount thereof) at which the Securities of the Series will

be issued;

2.2.3 the date or dates on which the principal of the Securities of the Series is payable;

2.2.4 the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) per annum or, if applicable, the method used to determine such rate or rates (including, but not limited to, any commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index) at which the Securities of the Series shall bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which such interest, if any, shall commence and be payable and any regular record date for the interest payable on any interest payment date;

2.2.5 any optional or mandatory sinking fund provisions or conversion or exchangeability provisions upon which Securities of the Series shall be redeemed, purchased, converted or exchanged;

2.2.6 the date, if any, after which and the price or prices at which the Securities of the Series may be optionally redeemed or must be mandatorily redeemed and any other terms and provisions of optional or mandatory redemption provisions;

2.2.7 if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which the Securities of the Series shall be issuable;

2.2.8 if other than the full principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of the Securities of the Series that shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration pursuant to Section 6.2 or provable in bankruptcy;

2.2.9 any addition to, elimination of or change in the Events of Default which applies to any Securities of the Series, any changes in the applicable notice or cure periods (which may be no period), and any change in the right of the Trustee or the requisite Holders of such Securities to declare the principal amount thereof due and payable pursuant to Section 6.2;

2.2.10 the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which payments of principal of, premium or interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series will be payable, if other than the currency of the United States of America;

2.2.11 if payments of principal of, premium or interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series will be payable, at the Company's election or at the election of any Holder, in a currency other than that in which the Securities of the Series are stated to be payable, the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, the election may be made;

2.2.12 if payments of interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series will be payable, at the Company's election or at the election of any Holder, in cash or additional securities, and the terms and conditions upon which the election may be made;

2.2.13 if denominated in a currency or currencies other than the currency of the United States of America, the equivalent price of the Securities of the Series in the currency of the United States of America for purposes of determining the voting rights of Holders of the Securities of the Series;

2.2.14 if the amount of payments of principal, premium or interest may be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method based on a coin or currency other than that in which the Securities of the Series are stated to be payable, the manner in which the amounts will be determined;

2.2.15 any addition to, elimination of or other change in the covenants or other terms relating to the Securities of the Series;

2.2.16 whether the Securities of the Series will be issued in the form of global securities or certificates in registered form;

2.2.17 any terms with respect to subordination;

2.2.18 any listing on any securities exchange or quotation system;

2.2.19 additional provisions, if any, related to defeasance and discharge of the offered debt securities; and

2.2.20 the applicability of any guarantees.

All Securities of any one Series need not be issued at the same time and may be issued from time to time, consistent with the terms of this Indenture, if so provided by or pursuant to the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or Officer's Certificate referred to above, and the authorized principal amount of any Series may not be increased to provide for issuance of additional Securities of such Series, unless otherwise provided in such Board Resolution, supplemental Indenture or Officer's Certificate.

Section 2.3 Execution and Authentication.

Two Officers shall sign the Securities for the Company by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Security no longer holds that office at the time the Security is authenticated, the Security shall nevertheless be valid.

A Security shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Security has been authenticated under this Indenture.

The Trustee shall at any time, and from time to time, authenticate Securities for original issue in the principal amount provided in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officer's Certificate, upon receipt by the Trustee of a Company Order. Such Company Order may authorize authentication and delivery pursuant to oral or electronic instructions from the Company or its duly authorized agent or agents, which oral instructions shall be promptly confirmed in writing. Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication unless otherwise provided by a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officer's Certificate.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities of any Series outstanding at any time may not exceed any limit upon the maximum principal amount for such Series set forth in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officer's Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 2.2, except as provided in Section 2.8.

Prior to the issuance of Securities of any Series, the Trustee shall have received and (subject to Section 7.2) shall be fully protected in relying on: (a) the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or

Officers, Certificate establishing the form of the Securities of that Series or of Securities within that Series and the terms of the Securities of that Series or of Securities within that Series, (b) an Officer's Certificate complying with Section 10.4, and (c) an Opinion of Counsel complying with Section 10.4.

The Trustee shall have the right to decline to authenticate and deliver any Securities of such Series: (a) if the Trustee, being advised by counsel, determines that such action may not lawfully be taken; or (b) if the Trustee in good faith by its board of directors or trustees, executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or vice-presidents shall determine that such action would expose the Trustee to personal liability to Holders of any then outstanding Series of Securities.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Company to authenticate Securities. An authenticating agent may authenticate Securities whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with the Company or an Affiliate.

Section 2.4 Registrar and Paying Agent.

The Company shall maintain, with respect to each Series of Securities, at the place or places specified with respect to such Series pursuant to Section 2.2, an office or agency where Securities of such Series may be presented or surrendered for payment ("Paying Agent"), where Securities of such Series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange ("Registrar") and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of such Series and this Indenture may be served ("Service Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register with respect to each Series of Securities and to their transfer and exchange. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the name and address, and any change in the name or address, of each Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required Registrar, Paying Agent or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the name and address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more co-registrars, additional paying agents or additional service agents and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligations to maintain a Registrar, Paying Agent and Service Agent in each place so specified pursuant to Section 2.2 for Securities of any Series for such purposes. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the name or address of any such co-registrar, additional paying agent or additional service agent. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar; the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent; and the term "Service Agent" includes any additional service agent.

The Company hereby appoints the Trustee the initial Registrar, Paying Agent and Service Agent for each Series unless another Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent, as the case may be, is appointed prior to the time Securities of that Series are first issued.

Section 2.5 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Company shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust, for the benefit of Securityholders of any Series of Securities, or the Trustee, all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal of or interest on the Series of Securities, and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Company or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Company or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of Securityholders of any Series of Securities all money held by it as Paying Agent.

#### Section 2.6 Securityholder Lists.

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of Securityholders of each Series of Securities and shall otherwise comply with TIA Section 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee at least ten

days before each interest payment date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing a list, in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of Securityholders of each Series of Securities.

## Section 2.7 Transfer and Exchange.

Where Securities of a Series are presented to the Registrar or a co-registrar with a request to register a transfer or to exchange them for an equal principal amount of Securities of the same Series, the Registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange if its requirements for such transactions are met. To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Trustee shall authenticate Securities at the Registrar's request. No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange (except as otherwise expressly permitted herein), but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable upon exchanges pursuant to Sections 2.11, 3.6 or 9.6).

Neither the Company nor the Registrar shall be required (a) to issue, register the transfer of, or exchange Securities of any Series for the period beginning at the opening of business fifteen days immediately preceding the mailing of a notice of redemption of Securities of that Series selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, or (b) to register the transfer of or exchange Securities of any Series selected, called or being called for redemption as a whole or the portion being redeemed of any such Securities selected, called or being called for redemption in part.

Section 2.8 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Securities.

If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a new Security of the same Series and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

If there shall be delivered to the Company and the Trustee (i) evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security and (ii) such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them and any agent of either of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Company or the Trustee that such Security has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Company shall execute and upon its request the Trustee shall authenticate and make available for delivery, in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen Security, a new Security of the same Series and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay such Security.

Upon the issuance of any new Security under this Section, the Company may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Security of any series issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities of that Series duly issued hereunder.

The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities.

#### Section 2.9 Outstanding Securities.

The Securities outstanding at any time are all the Securities authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest on a Global Security effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof and those described in this Section as not outstanding.

If a Security is replaced pursuant to Section 2.8, it ceases to be outstanding until the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Security is held by a bona fide purchaser.



If the Paying Agent (other than the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of any thereof) holds on the Maturity of Securities of a Series money sufficient to pay such Securities payable on that date, then on and after that date such Securities of the Series cease to be outstanding and interest on them ceases to accrue.

A Security does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate holds the Security.

In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of outstanding Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, the principal amount of a Discount Security that shall be deemed to be outstanding for such purposes shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2.

## Section 2.10 Treasury Securities.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Securities of a Series have concurred in any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver Securities of a Series owned by the Company or an Affiliate shall be disregarded, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver only Securities of a Series that the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded.

## Section 2.11 Temporary Securities.

Until definitive Securities are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate temporary securities upon a Company Order ("Temporary Securities"). Temporary Securities shall be substantially in the form of definitive Securities but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Securities. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Trustee upon request shall authenticate definitive Securities of the same Series and date of maturity in exchange for temporary Securities. Until so exchanged, temporary securities shall have the same rights under this Indenture as the definitive Securities.

#### Section 2.12 Cancellation.

The Company at any time may deliver Securities to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and the Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Securities surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee shall cancel all Securities surrendered for transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and shall destroy such canceled Securities (subject to the record retention requirement of the Exchange Act) and deliver a certificate of such destruction to the Company, unless the Company otherwise directs.

The Company may, to the extent permitted by law, purchase Securities in the open market or by tender offer at any price or by private agreement. Any Securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries prior to the final maturity of such Securities may, to the extent permitted by law, be reissued or resold or may, at the option of the Company, be surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation. Any Securities surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and shall be promptly cancelled by the Trustee, and the Company may not hold or resell such Securities or issue any new Securities to replace any such Securities.

### Section 2.13 Defaulted Interest.

If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on a Series of Securities, it shall pay the defaulted interest, plus, to the extent permitted by law, any interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the persons who are Securityholders of the Series on a subsequent special record date. The Company shall fix the record date and payment date. At least 30 days before the record date, the Company shall mail to the Trustee and to each Securityholder of the Series a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount of interest to be paid. The Company may pay defaulted interest in any other lawful manner.

## Section 2.14 Global Securities.

2.14.1 Terms of Securities. A Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officer's Certificate shall establish whether the Securities of a Series shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities and the Depository for such Global Security or Securities.

2.14.2 Transfer and Exchange. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in Section 2.7 of the Indenture and in addition thereto, any Global Security shall be exchangeable pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Indenture for Securities registered in the names of Holders other than the Depository for such Security or its nominee only if (i) such Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for such Global Security or if at any time such Depository ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and, in either case, the Company fails to appoint a successor Depository within 90 days of such event, (ii) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate to the effect that such Global Security shall be so exchangeable or (iii) an Event of Default with respect to the Securities represented by such Global Security shall have happened and be continuing. Any Global Security that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be exchangeable for Securities registered in such names as the Depository shall direct in writing in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security with like tenor and terms.

Except as provided in this Section 2.14.2, a Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository with respect to such Global Security to a nominee of such Depository, by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository or by the Depository or any such nominee to a successor Depository or a nominee of such a successor Depository.

2.14.3 Legend. Any Global Security issued hereunder shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"This Security is a Global Security within the meaning of the Indenture hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of the Depository or a nominee of the Depository. This Security is exchangeable for Securities registered in the name of a person other than the Depository or its nominee only in the limited circumstances described in the Indenture, and may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository or another nominee of the Depository or by the Depository or any such nominee to a successor Depository or a nominee of such a successor Depository."

2.14.4 Acts of Holders. The Depository, as a Holder, may appoint agents and otherwise authorize participants to give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action which a Holder is entitled to give or take under the Indenture.

2.14.5 Payments. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Indenture, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.2, payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on any Global Security shall be made to the Holder thereof at their registered office.

2.14.6 Consents, Declaration and Directions. Except as provided in Section 2.14.5, the Company, the Trustee and any Agent shall treat a person as the Holder of such principal amount of outstanding Securities of such Series represented by a Global Security as shall be specified in a written statement of the Depositary with respect to such Global Security, for purposes of obtaining any consents, declarations, waivers or directions required to be given by the Holders pursuant to this Indenture.

## Section 2.15 CUSIP Numbers.

The Company in issuing the Securities may use "CUSIP" numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other elements of identification printed on the Securities, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers.

#### ARTICLE III. REDEMPTION

Section 3.1 Notice to Trustee.

The Company may, with respect to any series of Securities, reserve the right to redeem and pay the Series of Securities or may covenant to redeem and pay the Series of Securities or any part thereof prior to the Stated Maturity thereof at such time and on such terms as provided for in such Securities. If a Series of Securities is redeemable and the Company wants or is obligated to redeem prior to the Stated Maturity thereof all or part of the Series of Securities pursuant to the terms of such Securities, it shall notify the Trustee of the redemption date and the

principal amount of Series of Securities to be redeemed. The Company shall give the notice at least 15 days before the redemption date (or such shorter notice as may be acceptable to the Trustee).

## Section 3.2 Selection of Securities to be Redeemed.

Unless otherwise indicated for a particular Series by a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture or an Officer's Certificate, if less than all the Securities of a Series are to be redeemed, the Trustee shall select the Securities of the Series to be redeemed in any manner that the Trustee deems fair and appropriate. The Trustee shall make the selection from Securities of the Series outstanding not previously called for redemption. The Trustee may select for redemption portions of the principal of Securities of the Series that have denominations larger than \$1,000. Securities of the Series and portions of them it selects shall be in amounts of \$1,000 or whole multiples of \$1,000 or, with respect to Securities of any Series issuable in other denominations pursuant to Section 2.2.7, the minimum principal denomination for each Series and integral multiples thereof. Provisions of this Indenture that apply to Securities of a Series called for redemption also apply to portions of Securities of that Series called for redemption.

#### Section 3.3 Notice of Redemption.

Unless otherwise indicated for a particular Series by Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officer's Certificate, at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, the Company shall mail a notice of redemption by first-class mail to each Holder whose Securities are to be redeemed.

The notice shall identify the Securities of the Series to be redeemed and shall state:

- (a) the redemption date;
- (b) the redemption price;
- (c) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (d) that Securities of the Series called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;
- (e) that interest on Securities of the Series called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date; and
- (f) any other information as may be required by the terms of the particular Series or the Securities of a Series being redeemed.

At the Company's request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Company's name and at its expense.

Section 3.4 Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is mailed or published as provided in Section 3.3, Securities of a Series called for redemption become due and payable on the redemption date and at the redemption price. A notice of redemption may not be conditional. Upon surrender to the Paying Agent, such Securities shall be paid at the redemption price plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

Section 3.5 Deposit of Redemption Price.

On or before the redemption date, the Company shall deposit with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest, if any, on all Securities to be redeemed on that date.

Section 3.6 Securities Redeemed in Part.

Upon surrender of a Security that is redeemed in part, the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder a new Security of the same Series and the same maturity equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Security surrendered.

#### ARTICLE IV. COVENANTS

#### Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities that it will duly and punctually pay the principal of and interest, if any, on the Securities of that Series in accordance with the terms of such Securities and this Indenture.

## Section 4.2 SEC Reports.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee within 15 days after it files them with the SEC copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents, and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may by rules and regulations prescribe) which the Company is required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. The Company also shall comply with the other provisions of TIA Section 314(a).

## Section 4.3 Compliance Certificate.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, an Officers Certificate signed by two of the Company's Officers stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year has been made under the supervision of the signing Officers with a view to determining whether the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to each such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of his knowledge the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions hereof (or, if a Default or Event of Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which he may have knowledge).

The Company will, so long as any of the Securities are outstanding, deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officer's Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

#### Section 4.4 Stay, Extension and Usury Laws.

The Company covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture or the Securities; and the Company (to the extent it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law and covenants that it will not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

## Section 4.5 Corporate Existence.

Subject to Article V, the Company will do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence and the corporate, partnership or other existence of each Significant Subsidiary in accordance with the respective organizational documents of each Significant Subsidiary and the rights (charter and statutory), licenses and franchises of the Company and its Significant Subsidiaries; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right, license or franchise, or the corporate, partnership or other existence of any Significant Subsidiary, if the Board of Directors shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole and that the loss thereof is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders.

#### Section 4.6 Taxes.

The company shall, and shall cause each of its Significant Subsidiaries to, pay prior to delinquency all taxes, assessments and governmental levies, except as contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings.

#### ARTICLE V. SUCCESSORS

Section 5.1 When Company May Merge, Etc.

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge into any other Person in a transaction in which it is not the surviving entity, or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any person (a "successor person"), unless:

(a) the successor person (if any) is a corporation, partnership, trust or other entity organized and validly existing under the laws of the Marshall Islands or any U.S. domestic jurisdiction and expressly assumes the Company's obligations on the Securities and under this Indenture and

(b) immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Default or Event of Default, shall have occurred and be continuing.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee prior to the consummation of the proposed transaction an Officer's Certificate to the foregoing effect and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the proposed transaction and such supplemental indenture comply with this Indenture.

#### Section 5.2 Successor Corporation Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company in accordance with Section 5.1, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation or into or with which the Company is merged or to which such sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor person has been named as the Company herein; provided, however, that the predecessor company in the case of a sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition shall not be released from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest, if any, on the Securities.

# ARTICLE VI.

# DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.1 Events of Default.

"Event of Default," wherever used herein with respect to securities of any Series, means any one of the following events, unless in the establishing Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or Officer's Certificate, it is provided that such Series shall not have the benefit of said Event of Default:

(a) default in the payment of any interest on any Security of that Series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days (unless the entire amount of such payment is deposited by the Company with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent prior to the expiration of such period of 30 days); or

- (b) default in the payment of the principal of any Security of that Series at its Maturity; or
- (c) default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due in respect of any Security of that Series; or

(d) default in the performance or breach of any covenant of the Company in this Indenture, which default continues uncured for a period of 60 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; or

(e) a default under any Debt of the Company (including a default with respect to Securities of any Series other than that Series) or any Subsidiary, whether such Debt now exists or shall hereafter be created, if (A) such default results from the failure to pay any such Debt when it becomes due and (B) such Debt is not discharged or such acceleration is not rescinded or annulled within 30 days after written notice to the Company by the holder or holders of such Debt in the manner provided for in the applicable debt instrument; provided, that if the default with respect to such Debt is remedied or cured by the Company or waived by the holders of such Debt before

entry of judgment in favor of the relevant trustee, then the Event of Default under this Indenture will be deemed likewise to have been remedied, cured or waived; or

- (f) the Company pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
  - (i) commences a voluntary case,
  - (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
  - (iii) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property,
  - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or
  - (v) generally is unable to pay its debts as the same become due; or
- (g) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
  - (i) is for relief against the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries in an involuntary case,
  - (ii) appoints a Custodian of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or for all or substantially all of its property, or
- (iii) orders the liquidation of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries, and the order or decree remains unstayed and

in effect for 60 days; or

(h) any other Event of Default provided with respect to Securities of that Series, which is specified in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officer's Certificate, in accordance with Section 2.2.18.

No Event of Default with respect to a particular Series of Securities (except with respect to subsections (f) and (g) above) necessarily constitutes an Event of Default with respect to any other Series of Securities.

The term "Bankruptcy Law" means title 11, U.S. Code or any similar Federal or State law for the relief of debtors. The term "Custodian" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

# Section 6.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of any Series at the time outstanding occurs and is continuing, then in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series may declare the principal amount (or, if any Securities of that Series are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of such Securities) of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all of the Securities of that Series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), and upon any such declaration such principal amount (or specified amount) and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, shall become immediately due and payable.

The Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series, by written notice to the Trustee, may rescind any declaration of acceleration of such Securities of that Series and its consequences if all existing Events of Default (other than the nonpayment of principal of or interest on such Securities that shall have become due by such declaration) shall have been cured or waived.

Section 6.3 Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.

If an Event of Default with respect to any Securities of any Series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Holders of Securities of such Series by such appropriate judicial proceedings as the Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce

any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy.

Section 6.4 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or the property of the Company or of such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of the Securities shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Company for the payment of overdue principal or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise,

(a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Securities and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and of the Holders allowed in such judicial proceeding, and

(b) to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same, and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or the rights of any Holder thereof or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

Section 6.5 Trustee May Enforce Claims Without Possession of Securities.

All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Securities may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Securities or the production thereof in any proceeding relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall, after provision for the payment of the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

Section 6.6 Application of Money Collected.

Any money collected by the Trustee pursuant to this Article shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such money on account of principal or interest, upon presentation of the Securities and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

and

First: To the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7;

Second: To the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid for principal of and interest on the Securities in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money has been collected, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Securities for principal and interest, respectively; and

Third: To the Company.

Section 6.7 Limitation on Suits.

No Holder of any Security of any Series shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless

Series:

(a) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of that

(b) the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder;

(c) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;

(d) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and

(e) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Trustee during such 60-day period by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series;

it being understood and intended that no one or more of such Holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other of such Holders, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such Holders or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all such Holders.

Section 6.8 Unconditional Right of Holders to Receive Principal and Interest.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, the Holder of any Security shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on such Security on the Stated Maturity or Stated Maturities expressed in such Security (or, in the case of redemption, on the redemption date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

Section 6.9 Restoration of Rights and Remedies.

If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceeding, the Company, the Trustee and the Holders shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

Section 6.10 Rights and Remedies Cumulative.

Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities in Section 2.8, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 6.11 Delay or Omission Not Waiver.

No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder of any Securities to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

#### Section 6.12 Control by Holders.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any Series shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Securities of such Series, provided that

- (a) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture,
- (b) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper b)o Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction, and

(c) subject to the provisions of Section 6.1, the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction if the Trustee in good faith shall, by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, determine that the proceeding so directed would involve the Trustee in personal liability.

Section 6.13 Waiver of Past Defaults.

The Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any Series may on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of such Series waive any past Default hereunder with respect to such Series and its consequences, except a Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Security of such Series (provided, however, that the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any Series may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 6.14 Undertaking for Costs.

All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Security by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Company, to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any Holder, or group of Holders, holding in the aggregate more than 10% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any Series, or to any suit instituted by any Holder for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of or interest on any Security on or after the Stated Maturity or Stated Maturities expressed in such Security (or, in the case of redemption, on the redemption date).

#### ARTICLE VII. TRUSTEE

Section 7.1 Duties of Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent man would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his own affairs.

- (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:
  - (i) The Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others.

(ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon Officer's Certificates or Opinions of Counsel furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; however, in the case of any such Officer's Certificates or opinions of Counsel which by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall examine such Officer's Certificates and opinions of Counsel to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture.

(c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own its own willful negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or misconduct, except that:

(i) This paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of

(ii) The Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts.

(iii) The Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it with respect to Securities of any Series in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such Series relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such Series.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraph (a), (b) and (c) of this Section.

(e) The Trustee may refuse to perform any duty or exercise any right or power unless it receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

(f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk is not reasonably assured to it.

(h) The Paying Agent, the Registrar and any authenticating agent shall be entitled to the protections, immunities and standard of care as are set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Section with respect to the Trustee.

Section 7.2 Rights of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee may rely on and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting as a result of its reasonable belief that any document was genuine and had been signed or presented by the proper person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.

(b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) The Trustee may act through agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care; provided that such agent agree as a condition to its engagement that it shall be responsible to the Company for its own misconduct or negligence. No Depository shall be deemed an agent of the Trustee and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any act or omission by any Depository.

(d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers.

(e) The Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders of Securities unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

Section 7.3 Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or an Affiliate with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

Section 7.4 Trustee's Disclaimer.

The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Securities, and it shall not be responsible for any statement in the Securities other than its authentication.

Section 7.5 Notice of Defaults.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the Securities of any Series and if it is known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to each Securityholder of the Securities of that Series notice of a Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it occurs or, if later, after a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has knowledge of such Default or Event of Default. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of or interest on any Security of any Series, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as its corporate trust committee or a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Securityholders of that Series.

Section 7.6 Reports by Trustee to Holders.

Within 60 days after May 15 in each year, the Trustee shall transmit by mail to all Securityholders, as their names and addresses appear on the register kept by the Registrar a brief report dated as of such May 15, in accordance with, and to the extent required under, TIA Section 313.

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to Securityholders of any Series shall be filed with the SEC and each stock exchange on which the Securities of that Series are listed. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee when Securities of any Series are listed on any stock exchange.

Section 7.7 Compensation and Indemnity.

The Company shall pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its services. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee upon request for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Company shall indemnify the Trustee (including the cost of defending itself) against any loss, liability or expense incurred by it except as set forth in the next paragraph in the performance of its duties under this Indenture as Trustee or Agent. The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. The Company shall defend the claim and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have separate counsel and the Company shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. The Company need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. This indemnification shall apply to officers, directors, employees, shareholders and agents of the Trustee.

The Company need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss liability incurred by the Trustee or by any officer, director, employee, shareholder or agent of the Trustee through negligence or bad faith.

To secure the Company's payment obligations in this Section, the Trustee shall have a lien prior to the Securities of any Series on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Securities of that Series.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(f) or (g) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

Section 7.8 Replacement of Trustee.

A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section.

The Trustee may resign with respect to the Securities of one or more Series by so notifying the Company. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of any Series may remove the Trustee with respect to that Series by so notifying the Trustee and the Company. The Company may remove the Trustee with respect to Securities of one or more Series if:

- (a) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- Law;
- (b) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy
- (c) a Custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (d) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Company.

If a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any one or more Series does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Company or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the Securities of the applicable Series may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any one or more Series fails to comply with Section 7.10, any Securityholder of the applicable Series may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Immediately after that, the retiring Trustee shall transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee subject to the lien provided for in Section 7.7, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee with respect to each Series of Securities for which it is acting as Trustee under this Indenture. A successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to each Securityholder of each such Series.

Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.8, the Company's obligations under Section 7.7 hereof shall continue for the benefit of the retiring trustee with respect to expenses and liabilities incurred by it prior to such replacement.

Section 7.9 Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.

If the Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.

Section 7.10 Eligibility; Disqualification.

This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA Section 310(a)(1), (2) and (5). The Trustee shall always have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$25,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition. The Trustee shall comply with TIA Section 310(b).

Section 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company.

The Trustee is subject to TIA Section 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA Section 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA Section 311(a) to the extent indicated.

# ARTICLE VIII.

# SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE; DEFEASANCE

Section 8.1 Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

This Indenture shall upon Company Order cease to be of further effect (except as hereinafter provided in this Section 8.1), and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when

(a) either

(i) all Securities theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than Securities that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

- (ii) all such Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, or
  - (1) have become due and payable, or
  - (2) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or

(3) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company, or

(4) are deemed paid and discharged pursuant to section 8.3, as applicable;

and the Company, in the case of (1), (2) or (3) above, has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust an amount sufficient for the purpose of paying and discharging the entire indebtedness on such Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Securities which have become due and payable on or prior to the date of such deposit) or to the Stated Maturity or redemption date, as the case may be;

(b) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Company; and

(c) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under Section 7.7, and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to clause (a) of this Section, the provisions of Sections 2.4, 2.7, 2.8, 8.1 8.2 and 8.5 shall survive.

Section 8.2 Application of Trust Funds; Indemnification.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 8.5, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.1, all money and U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.3 or 8.4 and all money received by the Trustee in respect of U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.3 or 8.4, shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the persons entitled thereto, of the principal and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with or received by the Trustee or to make mandatory sinking fund payments or analogous payments as contemplated by Sections 8.3 or 8.4.

(b) The Company shall pay and shall indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations deposited

pursuant to Sections 8.3 or 8.4 or the interest and principal received in respect of such obligations other than any payable by or on behalf of Holders.

(c) The Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Company from time to time upon Company Request any U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations or money held by it as provided in Sections 8.3 or 8.4 which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent certified public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, are then in excess of the amount thereof which then would have been required to be deposited for the purpose for which such U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations or money were deposited or received. This provision shall not authorize the sale by the Trustee of any U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations held under this Indenture.

Section 8.3 Legal Defeasance of Securities of any Series.

Unless this Section 8.3 is otherwise specified, pursuant to Section 2.2.19, to be inapplicable to Securities of any Series, the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness on all the outstanding Securities of such Series on the 91st day after the date of the deposit referred to in subparagraph (d) hereof, and the provisions of this Indenture, as it relates to such outstanding Securities of such Series, shall no longer be in effect (and the Trustee, at the expense of the company, shall, at Company Request, execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except as to:

(a) the rights of Holders of Securities of such Series to receive, from the trust funds described in subparagraph (d) hereof, (i) payment of the principal of and each installment of principal of and interest on the outstanding Securities of such Series on the Stated Maturity of such principal or installment of principal or interest and (ii) the benefit of any mandatory sinking fund payments applicable to the Securities of such Series on the day on which such payments are due and payable in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and the Securities of such Series;

- (b) the provisions of Sections 2.4, 2.7, 2.8, 8.2, 8.3 and 8.5; and
- (c) the rights, powers, trust and immunities of the Trustee hereunder;

provided that, the following conditions shall have been satisfied:

(d) the Company shall have deposited or caused to be deposited irrevocably with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose of making the following payments, specifically pledged as security for and dedicated solely to the benefit of the Holders of such Securities W in the case of Securities of such Series denominated in Dollars, cash in Dollars (or such other money or currencies as shall then be legal tender in the United States) and/or U.S. Government Obligations, or (ii) in the case of Securities of such Series denominated in a Foreign Currency (other than a composite currency), money and/or Foreign Government obligations, which through the payment of interest and principal in respect thereof, in accordance with their terms, will provide (and without reinvestment and assuming no tax liability will be imposed on such Trustee), not later than one day before the due date of any payment of money, an amount in cash, sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge each installment of principal (including mandatory sinking fund or analogous payments) of and interest, if any, on all the Securities of such Series on the dates such installments of interest or principal are due;

(e) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound;

(f) no Default or Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such Series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or during the period ending on the 91st day after such date;

(g) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that (i) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or (ii) since the date of execution of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the Securities of such Series will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance and discharge and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit, defeasance and discharge had not occurred;

(h) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of the Securities of such Series over any other creditors of the company or with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any other creditors of the Company;

(i) such deposit shall not result in the trust arising from such deposit constituting an investment company (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended), or such trust shall be qualified under such Act or exempt from regulation thereunder; and

(j) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for relating to the defeasance contemplated by this Section have been complied with.

Section 8.4 Covenant Defeasance.

Unless this Section 8.4 is otherwise specified pursuant to Section 2.2.19 to be inapplicable to Securities of any Series, on and after the 91st day after the date of the deposit referred to in subparagraph (a) hereof, the Company may omit to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth under Sections 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, and 5.1 as well as any additional covenants contained in a supplemental indenture hereto for a particular Series of Securities or a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 2.2.19 (and the failure to comply with any such covenants shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default under Section 6.1) and the occurrence of any event described in clause (e) of Section 6.1 shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default hereunder, with respect to the Securities of such Series, provided that the following conditions shall have been satisfied:

(a) With reference to this Section 8.4, the Company has deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited (except as provided in Section 8.2(c)) with the Trustee as trust funds in trust, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the Holders of such Securities (i) in the case of Securities of such Series denominated in Dollars, cash in Dollars (or such other money or currencies as shall then be legal tender in the United States) and/or U.S. Government Obligations, or (ii) in the case of Securities of such Series denominated in a Foreign Currency (other than a composite currency), money and/or Foreign Government obligations, which through the payment of interest and principal in respect thereof, in accordance with their terms, will provide (and without reinvestment and assuming no tax liability will be imposed on such Trustee), not later than one day before the due date of any payment of money, an amount in cash, sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent certified public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay principal and interest, if any, on and any mandatory sinking fund in respect of the Securities of such Series on the dates such installments of interest or principal are due;

(b) Such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound;

(c) No Default or Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such Series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or during the period ending on the 91st day after such date;

(d) the company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that Holders of the Securities of such Series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred;

(e) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of the Securities of such Series over any other creditors of the Company or with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any other creditors of the Company; and

(f) The Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the defeasance contemplated by this Section have been complied with.

Section 8.5 Repayment to Company.

The Trustee and the Paying Agent shall pay to the Company upon request any money held by them for the payment of principal and interest that remains unclaimed for two years. After that, Securityholders entitled to the money must look to the Company for payment as general creditors unless an applicable abandoned property law designates another person.

#### ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS

Section 9.1 Without Consent of Holders.

The Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Securities of one or more Series without the consent of any Securityholder:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to comply with Article V;
- (c) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities;
- (d) to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Securityholder;

(e) to add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture in respect of all or any Securities of any series or any guarantees thereof (and if such addition, change or elimination is to apply with respect to less than all Securities of such series or Guarantees thereof, stating that it is expressly being made to apply solely with respect to such Securities within such series or Guarantees thereof);

(f) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more Series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee; or

- (g) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA.
- Section 9.2 With Consent of Holders.

The Company and the Trustee may enter into a supplemental indenture with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of all Series affected by such supplemental indenture, taken together as one class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for the Securities of such Series), for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Securityholders of each such Series. Except as provided in Section 6.13, the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of all Series affected by such waiver by notice to the Trustee, taken together as one class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for the Securities of such Series) may waive compliance by the Company with any provision of this Indenture or the Securities with respect to such Series.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders of Securities under this Section 9.2 to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof. After a supplemental indenture or waiver under this section becomes effective, the Company shall mail to the Holders of Securities affected thereby a notice briefly describing the supplemental indenture or waiver. Any failure by the Company to mail or publish such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture or waiver.

Section 9.3 Limitations.

Without the consent of each Securityholder affected, an amendment or waiver may not:

(a) change the amount of Securities whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

(b) reduce the rate of or change the interest payment time on any Security or alter the redemption provisions with respect thereto (other than any alteration to any such Section which would not materially adversely affect the legal rights of any Holder under this Indenture) or the price at which the Company is required to offer to purchase the Securities;

(c) reduce the principal or change the Stated Maturity of any Security or reduce the amount of, or postpone the date fixed for, the payment of any sinking fund or analogous obligation;

(d) reduce the principal amount of Discount Securities payable upon acceleration of the maturity thereof;

(e) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any one or more series (considered separately or together as one class, as applicable, and whether comprising the same or different series or less than all the Securities of a series), the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences) provided for in this Indenture;

- (f) make the principal of or interest, if any, on any Security payable in any currency other than that stated in the Security;
- (g) make any change in Sections 6.8, 6.13, 9.3 (this sentence), 10.15 or 10.16; or
- (h) waive a redemption payment with respect to any Security or change any of the provisions with respect to the redemption of any

Securities.

Section 9.4 Compliance with Trust Indenture Act.

Every amendment to this Indenture or the Securities of one or more Series shall be set forth in a supplemental indenture hereto that complies with the TIA as then in effect.

Section 9.5 Revocation and Effect of Consents.

Until an amendment or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Security is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Security. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to his Security or portion of a Security if the Trustee receives the notice of revocation before the date the amendment or waiver becomes effective.

Any amendment or waiver once effective shall bind every Securityholder of each Series affected by such amendment or waiver unless it is of the type described in any of clauses (a) through (g) of Section 9.3. in that case, the amendment or waiver shall bind each Holder of a Security who has consented to it and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security.

Section 9.6 Notation on or Exchange of Securities.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment or waiver on any Security of any Series thereafter authenticated. The Company in exchange for Securities of that Series may issue and the Trustee shall authenticate upon request new Securities of that Series that reflect the amendment or waiver.

## Section 9.7 Trustee Protected.

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 7.1) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture. The Trustee shall sign all supplemental indentures, except that the Trustee need not sign any supplemental indenture that adversely affects its rights.

#### ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.1 Trust Indenture Act Controls.

If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies, or conflicts with another provision which is required or deemed to be included in this Indenture by the TIA, such required or deemed provision shall control.

Section 10.2 Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Company or the Trustee to the other is duly given if in writing and delivered in person or mailed by

first-class mail:

if to the Company:

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. 300 First Stamford Place, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Stamford, Connecticut 06902

if to the Trustee:

[Name of Trustee] [Address]

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Attention:

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The Company or the Trustee by notice to the other may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

Any notice or communication to a Securityholder shall be mailed by first-class mail to his address shown on the register kept by the Registrar.

Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Securityholder of any Series or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Securityholders of that or any other Series.

If a notice or communication is mailed or published in the manner provided above, within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the Securityholder receives it.

If the company mails a notice or communication to Securityholders, it mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

Section 10.3 Communication by Holders with Other Holders.

Securityholders of any Series may communicate pursuant to TIA Section 312(b) with other Securityholders of that Series or any other Series with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities of that Series or all Series. The Company, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA Section 312(c).

Section 10.4 Certificate and opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the

Trustee:

(a) an Officer's Certificate stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and

(b) an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of counsel, all such conditions precedent have been complied with.

Section 10.5 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA Section 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA Section 314(e) and shall include:

(a) a statement that the person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;

(b) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(c) a statement that, in the opinion of such person, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(d) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

Section 10.6 Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or a meeting of Securityholders of one or more Series. Any Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

## Section 10.7 Legal Holidays.

Unless otherwise provided by Board Resolution, Officer's Certificate or supplemental indenture for a particular Series, a "Legal Holiday" is any day that is not a Business Day. If a payment date is a Legal Holiday at a place of payment, payment may be made at that place on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period.

Section 10.8 No Recourse Against Others.

A director, officer, employee or stockholder, as such, of the Company shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Securities or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each Securityholder by accepting a Security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the Securities.

#### Section 10.9 Counterparts.

This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

## Section 10.10 Governing Laws.

THIS INDENTURE AND THE SECURITIES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK EXCLUDING (TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE) ANY RULE OF LAW THAT WOULD CAUSE THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANY JURISDICTION OTHER THAN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Section 10.11 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret another indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or a Subsidiary. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

Section 10.12 Successors.

All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Securities shall bind its successor. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successor.

Section 10.13 Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

### Section 10.14 Table of Contents, Headings, Etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross Reference Table, and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof, and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

Section 10.15 Securities in a Foreign Currency or in ECU.

Unless otherwise specified in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officer's Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 2.2 of this Indenture with respect to a particular Series of Securities, whenever for purposes of this Indenture any action may be taken by the Holders of a specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of Securities of all Series or all Series affected by a particular action at the time outstanding and, at such time, there are outstanding Securities of any Series which are denominated in a coin or currency other than Dollars (including ECUs), then the principal amount of Securities of such Series which shall be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of taking such action shall be that amount of Dollars that could be obtained for such amount at the Market Exchange Rate at such time. For purposes of this Section 10.15, "Market Exchange Rate" shall mean the noon Dollar buying rate in New York City for cable transfers of that currency as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; provided, however, in the case of ECUs, Market Exchange Rate shall mean the rate of exchange determined by the Commission of the European Union (or any successor thereto) as published in the Official Journal of the European Union (such publication or any successor publication, the "Journal"). If such Market Exchange Rate is not available for any reason with respect to such currency, the Trustee shall use, in its sole discretion and without liability on its part, such quotation of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or, in the case of ECUs, the rate of exchange as published in the Journal, as of the most recent available date, or quotations or, in the case of ECUs, rates of exchange from one or more major banks in The City of New York or in the country of issue of the currency in question or, in the case of ECUs, in Luxembourg or such other quotations or, in the case of ECUs, rates of exchange as the Trustee, upon consultation with the Company, shall deem appropriate. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply in determining the equivalent principal amount in respect of Securities of a Series denominated in currency other than Dollars in connection with any action taken by Holders of Securities pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.

All decisions and determinations of the Trustee regarding the Market Exchange Rate or any alternative determination provided for in the preceding paragraph shall be in its sole discretion and shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive to the extent permitted by law for all purposes and irrevocably binding upon the Company and all Holders.

### Section 10.16 Judgment Currency.

The Company agrees, to the fullest extent that it may effectively do so under applicable law, that (a) if for the purpose of obtaining judgment in any court it is necessary to convert the sum due in respect of the principal of or interest or other amount on the Securities of any Series (the "Required Currency") into a currency in which a judgment will be rendered (the "Judgment Currency"), the rate of exchange used shall be the rate at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Trustee could purchase in The City of New York the Required Currency with the Judgment Currency on the day on which final unappealable judgment is entered, unless such day is not a New York Banking Day, then, the rate of exchange used shall be the rate at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Trustee could purchase in The City of New York the Required Currency with the at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Trustee could purchase in The City of New York the Required Currency with the set of exchange used shall be the rate at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Trustee could purchase in The City of New York the Required Currency with the set of exchange used shall be the rate at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Trustee could purchase in The City of New York the Required Currency with the

Judgment Currency on the New York Banking Day preceding the day on which final unappealable judgment is entered and (b) its obligations under this Indenture to make payments in the Required Currency (i) shall not be discharged or satisfied by any tender, any recovery pursuant to any judgment (whether or not entered in accordance with subsection (a)), in any currency other than the Required Currency, except to the extent that such tender or recovery shall result in the actual receipt, by the payee, of the full amount of the Required Currency expressed to be payable in respect of such payments, (ii) shall be enforceable as an alternative or additional cause of action for the purpose of recovering in the Required Currency the amount, if any, by which such actual receipt shall fall short of the full amount of the Required Currency so expressed to be payable, and (iii) shall not be affected by judgment being obtained for any other sum due under this Indenture. For purposes of the foregoing, "New York Banking Day" means any day except a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday in The City of New York on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close.

# ARTICLE XI.

## SINKING FUNDS

## Section 11.1 Applicability of Article.

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to any sinking fund for the retirement of the Securities of a Series, except as otherwise permitted or required by any form of Security of such Series issued pursuant to this Indenture.

The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of the Securities of any Series is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment" and any other amount provided for by the terms of Securities of such Series is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment." If provided for by the terms of Securities of any Series, the cash amount of any sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section 11.2. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Securities of any Series as provided for by the terms of the securities of such Series.

Section 11.2 Satisfaction of Sinking Fund Payments with Securities.

The Company may, in satisfaction of all or any part of any sinking fund payment with respect to the Securities of any Series to be made pursuant to the terms of such Securities (1) deliver outstanding Securities of such Series to which such sinking fund payment is applicable (other than any of such Securities previously called for mandatory sinking fund redemption) and (2) apply as credit Securities of such Series to which such sinking fund payment is applicable and which have been redeemed either at the election of the Company pursuant to the terms of such Series of Securities (except pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund) or through the application of permitted optional sinking fund payments or other optional redemptions pursuant to the terms of such Securities, provided that such Securities have not been previously so credited.

Such Securities shall be received by the Trustee, together with an Officer's Certificate with respect thereto, not later than 15 days prior to the date on which the Trustee begins the process of selecting Securities for redemption, and shall be credited for such purpose by the Trustee at the price specified in such Securities for redemption through operation of the sinking fund and the amount of such sinking fund payment shall be reduced accordingly. If as a result of the delivery or credit of Securities in lieu of cash payments pursuant to this Section 11.2, the principal amount of Securities of such Series to be redeemed in order to exhaust the aforesaid cash payment shall be less than \$100,000, the Trustee need not call Securities of such Series for redemption, except upon receipt of a Company Order that such action be taken, and such cash payment shall be held by the Trustee or a Paying Agent and applied to the next succeeding sinking fund payment, provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent upon delivery by the Company Order pay over and deliver to the Company any cash payment so being held by the Trustee or such Paying Agent upon delivery by the Company to the Trustee of Securities of that Series purchased by the Company having an unpaid principal amount equal to the cash payment required to be released to the Company.

Section 11.3 Redemption of Securities for Sinking Fund.

Not less than 15 days (unless otherwise indicated in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officer's Certificate in respect of a particular Series of Securities) prior to each sinking fund payment date for any Series of Securities, the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate specifying the amount of the next ensuing mandatory sinking fund payment for that Series pursuant to the terms of that Series, the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by payment of cash and the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by

delivering and crediting of Securities of that Series pursuant to Section 11.2., and the optional amount, if any, to be added in cash to the next ensuing mandatory sinking fund payment, and the Company shall thereupon be obligated to pay the amount therein specified.

Not less than 10 days (unless otherwise indicated in the Board Resolution, Officer's Certificate or supplemental indenture in respect of a particular Series of Securities) before each such sinking fund payment date the Trustee shall select the Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 3.2 and cause notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the name of and at the expense of the Company in the manner provided in Section 3.3. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Securities shall be as so stated in Sections 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written. Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.

By: /s/ [TBD]

Name: [TBD] Its: [Chief Accounting Officer and Company Secretary]

[Name of Trustee]

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: Its:

# EAGLE BULK SHIPPING INC.

# SUBORDINATED INDENTURE

Dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_

[Name of Trustee]

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Trustee

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Indenture dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ between Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., a company organized under the laws of the Marshall Islands (the "Company") and [Name of Trustee], a \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Trustee").

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities issued under this Indenture.

## ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Section 1.1 Definitions.

"Additional Amounts" means any additional amounts which are required hereby or by any Security, under circumstances specified herein or therein, to be paid by the Company in respect of certain taxes imposed on Holders specified therein and which are owing to such Holders.

"Affiliate" of any specified person means any other person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified person. For the purposes of this definition,

"control" (including, with correlative meanings, the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with"), as used with respect to any person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such person, whether through the ownership of voting securities or by agreement or otherwise.

"Agent" means any Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent.

"Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Company or any duly authorized committee thereof.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been adopted by the Board of Directors or pursuant to authorization by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of the certificate and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means a day (other than Saturday or Sunday) on which the Depository and banks in the City of New York, and banks in the city in which the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee is located, is open for business.

"Certificated Securities" means Securities in the form of physical, certificated Securities in registered form.

"Company" means the party named as such above until a successor replaces it and thereafter means the successor.

"Company Order" means a written order signed in the name of the Company by an Officer that is the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer.

"Company Request" means a written request signed in the name of the Company by its Chairman of the Board, a President or a Vice President, and by its Chief Financial Officer, its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be principally administered.

"Debt" of any person as of any date means, without duplication, all indebtedness of such person in respect of borrowed money, including all interest, fees and expenses owed in respect thereto (whether or not the recourse of the lender is to the whole of the assets of such person or only to a portion thereof), or evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments.

"Default" means any event which is, or after notice or passage of time would be, an Event of Default.

"Depository" means, with respect to the Securities of any Series issuable or issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities, the person designated as Depository for such Series by the Company, which Depository shall be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act; and if at any time there is more than one such person, "Depository" as used with respect to the Securities of any Series shall mean the Depository with respect to the Securities of such Series.

"Discount Security" means any Security that provides for an amount less than the stated principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2.

"Dollars" means the currency of The United States of America.

"ECU" means the European Currency Unit as determined by the Commission of the European Union.

"Event of Default" see Section 6.1.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Foreign Currency" means any currency or currency unit issued by a government other than the government of The United States of

America.

"Foreign Government obligations" means with respect to Securities of any Series that are denominated in a Foreign Currency, (i) direct obligations of the government that issued or caused to be issued such currency for the payment of which obligations its full faith and credit is pledged or (ii) obligations of a person controlled or supervised by or acting as an agency or instrumentality of such government the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by such government, which, in either case under clauses (i) or (ii), are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof.

"Global Security" or "Global Securities" means a Security or Securities, as the case may be, in the form established pursuant to Section 2.2 evidencing all or part of a Series of Securities, issued to the Depository for such Series or its nominee, and registered in the name of such Depository or nominee.

"Holder" or "Securityholder" means a person in whose name a Security is registered.

"Indenture" means this Indenture as amended from time to time and shall include the form and terms of particular Series of Securities established as contemplated hereunder.

"Interest" with respect to any Discount Security which by its terms bears interest only after Maturity, means interest payable after Maturity.

"Maturity," when used with respect to any Security or installment of principal thereof, means the date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of principal becomes due and payable as therein or herein provided, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption, notice of option to elect repayment or otherwise.

"Officer" means the Chairman of the Board, the President, any Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary of the Company.

"Officer's Certificate" means a certificate signed by an Officer of the Company.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of legal counsel who is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Such legal counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company.

"Participants" means those Persons designated as participants by the Depositary.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability company, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Principal" of a Security means the principal of the Security plus, when appropriate, the premium, if any, on, and any Additional Amounts in respect of, the Security.

"Responsible Officer" means any officer of the Trustee in its Corporate Trust Office and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of his or her knowledge of and familiarity with a particular subject.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Security" or "Securities" means the debentures, notes or other debt instruments of the Company of any Series authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

"Series" or "Series of Securities" means each series of debentures, notes or other debt instruments of the Company created pursuant to Sections 2.1 and 2.2 hereof.

"Significant Subsidiary" means (i) any direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Company that would be a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as such regulation is in effect on the date hereof, or (ii) any group of direct or indirect Subsidiaries of the Company that, taken together as a group, would be a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as such regulation is in effect on the date hereof.

"Stated Maturity" when used with respect to any Security or any installment of principal thereof or interest thereon, means the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of principal or interest is due and payable.

"Subordinated Indebtedness" means any indebtedness which is expressly subordinated to the indebtedness evidenced by Securities.

"Subsidiary" of any specified person means any corporation of which at least a majority of the outstanding stock having by the terms thereof ordinary voting power for the election of directors of such corporation (irrespective of whether or not at the time stock of any other class or classes of such corporation shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency) is at the time directly or indirectly owned by such person, or by one or more other Subsidiaries, or by such person and one or more other Subsidiaries.

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S. Code Sections 77aaa-77bbbb) as in effect on the date of this Indenture; provided, however, that in the event the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is amended after such date, "TIA" means, to the extent required by any such amendment, the Trust Indenture Act as so amended.

"Trustee" means the person named as the "Trustee" in the first paragraph of this instrument until a successor Trustee shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Trustee" shall mean or include each person who is then a Trustee hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such person, "Trustee" as used with respect to the Securities of any Series shall mean the Trustee with respect to Securities of that Series.

"U.S. Government Obligations" means securities which are (i) direct obligations of The United States of America for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (ii) obligations of a person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of The United States of America the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by The United States of America, and which in the case of (i) and (ii) are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt, provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt.

# Section 1.2 Other Definitions.

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| "Event of Default" 6.1                |       |
| "Journal" 10.1                        | 5     |
| "Judgment Currency" 10.1              | 6     |
| "Legal Holiday" 10.7                  | 7     |
| "mandatory sinking fund payment" 11.1 |       |
| "Market Exchange Rate" 10.1           | 5     |
| "New York Banking Day" 10.1           | 6     |
| "optional sinking fund payment" 11.1  |       |
| "Paying Agent" 2.4                    |       |
| "Registrar" 2.4                       |       |
| "Required Currency" 10.1              | 6     |
| "Service Agent" 2.4                   |       |
| "successor person" 5.1                |       |

# Section 1.3 Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act.

Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture. The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

"Commission" means the SEC.

"indenture securities" means the Securities.

"indenture security holder" means a Securityholder.

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture.

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee.

"obligor" on the indenture securities means the Company and any successor obligor upon the Securities.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule under the TIA and not otherwise defined herein are used herein as so defined.

Section 1.4 Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with generally accepted accounting

principles;

(c) references to "generally accepted accounting principles" shall mean generally accepted accounting principles in effect as of the time when and for the period as to which such accounting principles are to be applied;

- (d) "or" is not exclusive;
- (e) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular; and
- (f) provisions apply to successive events and transactions.

#### ARTICLE II.. THE SECURITIES

Section 2.1 Issuable in Series.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. The Securities may be issued in one or more Series. All Securities of a Series shall be identical except as may be set forth in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture or an Officer's Certificate detailing the adoption of the terms thereof pursuant to the authority granted under a Board Resolution. In the case of Securities of a Series to be issued from time to time, the Board Resolution, Officer's Certificate or supplemental indenture may provide for the method by which specified terms (such as interest rate, maturity date, record date or date from which interest shall accrue) are to be determined. Securities may differ between Series in respect of any matters, provided that all Series of Securities shall be equally and ratably entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.

Section 2.2 Establishment of Terms of Series of Securities.

At or prior to the issuance of any Securities within a Series, the following shall be established (as to the Series generally, in the case of Subsection 2.2.1 and either as to such Securities within the Series or as to the Series generally in the case of Subsections 2.2.2 through 2.2.20) by a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture or an Officer's Certificate pursuant to authority granted under a Board Resolution:

2.2.1 the title, designation, aggregate principal amount and authorized denominations of the Securities of the Series;

2.2.2 the price or prices (expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount thereof) at which the Securities of the Series will

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be issued:

2.2.3 the date or dates on which the principal of the Securities of the Series is payable;

2.2.4 the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) per annum or, if applicable, the method used to determine such rate or rates (including, but not limited to, any commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index) at which the Securities of the Series shall bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which such interest, if any, shall commence and be payable and any regular record date for the interest payable on any interest payment date;

2.2.5 any optional or mandatory sinking fund provisions or conversion or exchangeability provisions upon which Securities of the Series shall be redeemed, purchased, converted or exchanged;

2.2.6 the date, if any, after which and the price or prices at which the Securities of the Series may be optionally redeemed or must be mandatorily redeemed and any other terms and provisions of optional or mandatory redemption provisions;

2.2.7 if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which the Securities of the Series shall be issuable;

2.2.8 if other than the full principal amount, the portion of the principal amount of the Securities of the Series that shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration pursuant to Section 6.2 or provable in bankruptcy;

2.2.9 any addition to, elimination of or change in the Events of Default which applies to any Securities of the Series, any changes in the applicable notice or cure periods (which may be no period), and any change in the right of the Trustee or the requisite Holders of such Securities to declare the principal amount thereof due and payable pursuant to Section 6.2;

2.2.10 the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which payments of principal of, premium or interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series will be payable, if other than the currency of the United States of America;

2.2.11 if payments of principal of, premium or interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series will be payable, at the Company's election or at the election of any Holder, in a currency other than that in which the Securities of the Series are stated to be payable, the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, the election may be made;

2.2.12 if payments of interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series will be payable, at the Company's election or at the election of any Holder, in cash or additional securities, and the terms and conditions upon which the election may be made;

2.2.13 if denominated in a currency or currencies other than the currency of the United States of America, the equivalent price of the Securities of the Series in the currency of the United States of America for purposes of determining the voting rights of Holders of the Securities of the Series;

2.2.14 if the amount of payments of principal, premium or interest may be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method based on a coin or currency other than that in which the Securities of the Series are stated to be payable, the manner in which the amounts will be determined;

2.2.15 any addition to, elimination of or other change in the covenants or other terms relating to the Securities of the Series;

2.2.16 whether the Securities of the Series will be issued in the form of global securities or certificates in registered form;

2.2.17 any terms with respect to subordination;

2.2.18 any listing on any securities exchange or quotation system;

2.2.19 additional provisions, if any, related to defeasance and discharge of the offered debt securities; and

2.2.20 the applicability of any guarantees.

All Securities of any one Series need not be issued at the same time and may be issued from time to time, consistent with the terms of this Indenture, if so provided by or pursuant to the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or Officer's Certificate referred to above, and the authorized principal amount of any Series may not be increased to provide for issuance of additional Securities of such Series, unless otherwise provided in such Board Resolution, supplemental Indenture or Officer's Certificate.

Section 2.3 Execution and Authentication.

Two Officers shall sign the Securities for the Company by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Security no longer holds that office at the time the Security is authenticated, the Security shall nevertheless be valid.

A Security shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Security has been authenticated under this Indenture.

The Trustee shall at any time, and from time to time, authenticate Securities for original issue in the principal amount provided in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officer's Certificate, upon receipt by the Trustee of a Company Order. Such Company Order may authorize authentication and delivery pursuant to oral or electronic instructions from the Company or its duly authorized agent or agents, which oral instructions shall be promptly confirmed in writing. Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication unless otherwise provided by a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officer's Certificate.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities of any Series outstanding at any time may not exceed any limit upon the maximum principal amount for such Series set forth in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officer's Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 2.2, except as provided in Section 2.8.

Prior to the issuance of Securities of any Series, the Trustee shall have received and (subject to Section 7.2) shall be fully protected in relying on: (a) the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers, Certificate establishing the form of the Securities of that Series or of Securities within that Series and the terms of the Securities of that Series or of Securities within that Series, (b) an Officer's Certificate complying with Section 10.4, and (c) an Opinion of Counsel complying with Section 10.4.

The Trustee shall have the right to decline to authenticate and deliver any Securities of such Series: (a) if the Trustee, being advised by counsel, determines that such action may not lawfully be taken; or (b) if the Trustee in good faith by its board of directors or trustees, executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or vice-presidents shall determine that such action would expose the Trustee to personal liability to Holders of any then outstanding Series of Securities.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Company to authenticate Securities. An authenticating agent may authenticate Securities whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with the Company or an Affiliate.

## Section 2.4 Registrar and Paying Agent.

The Company shall maintain, with respect to each Series of Securities, at the place or places specified with respect to such Series pursuant to Section 2.2, an office or agency where Securities of such Series may be presented or surrendered for payment ("Paying Agent"), where Securities of such Series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange ("Registrar") and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of such Series and this Indenture may be served ("Service Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register with respect to each Series of Securities and to their transfer and exchange. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the name and address, and any change in the name or address, of each Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required Registrar, Paying Agent or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the name and address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more co-registrars, additional paying agents or additional service agents and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligations to maintain a Registrar, Paying Agent and Service Agent in each place so specified pursuant to Section 2.2 for Securities of any Series for such purposes. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the name or address of any such co-registrar, additional paying agent or additional service agent. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar; the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent; and the term "Service Agent" includes any additional service agent.

The Company hereby appoints the Trustee the initial Registrar, Paying Agent and Service Agent for each Series unless another Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent, as the case may be, is appointed prior to the time Securities of that Series are first issued.

#### Section 2.5 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Company shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust, for the benefit of Securityholders of any Series of Securities, or the Trustee, all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal of or interest on the Series of Securities, and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Company or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Company or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of Securityholders of any Series of Securities all money held by it as Paying Agent.

#### Section 2.6 Securityholder Lists.

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of Securityholders of each Series of Securities and shall otherwise comply with TIA Section 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee at least ten days before each interest payment date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing a list, in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of Securityholders of each Series of Securities.

## Section 2.7 Transfer and Exchange.

Where Securities of a Series are presented to the Registrar or a co-registrar with a request to register a transfer or to exchange them for an equal principal amount of Securities of the same Series, the Registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange if its requirements for such transactions are met. To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Trustee shall authenticate Securities at the Registrar's request. No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange (except as otherwise expressly permitted herein), but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable upon exchanges pursuant to Sections 2.11, 3.6 or 9.6).

Neither the Company nor the Registrar shall be required (a) to issue, register the transfer of, or exchange Securities of any Series for the period beginning at the opening of business fifteen days immediately preceding the mailing of a notice of redemption of Securities of that Series selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, or (b) to register the transfer of or exchange Securities of any Series selected, called or being called for redemption as a whole or the portion being redeemed of any such Securities selected, called or being called for redemption in part.

## Section 2.8 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Securities.

If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a new Security of the same Series and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

If there shall be delivered to the Company and the Trustee (i) evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security and (ii) such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them and any agent of either of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Company or the Trustee that such Security has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Company shall execute and upon its request the Trustee shall authenticate and make available for delivery, in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen Security, a new Security of the same Series and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay such Security.



Upon the issuance of any new Security under this Section, the Company may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Security of any series issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities of that Series duly issued hereunder.

The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities.

## Section 2.9 Outstanding Securities.

The Securities outstanding at any time are all the Securities authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest on a Global Security effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof and those described in this Section as not outstanding.

If a Security is replaced pursuant to Section 2.8, it ceases to be outstanding until the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Security is held by a bona fide purchaser.

If the Paying Agent (other than the Company, a Subsidiary or an Affiliate of any thereof) holds on the Maturity of Securities of a Series money sufficient to pay such Securities payable on that date, then on and after that date such Securities of the Series cease to be outstanding and interest on them ceases to accrue.

A Security does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate holds the Security.

In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of outstanding Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, the principal amount of a Discount Security that shall be deemed to be outstanding for such purposes shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2.

# Section 2.10 Treasury Securities.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Securities of a Series have concurred in any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver Securities of a Series owned by the Company or an Affiliate shall be disregarded, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver only Securities of a Series that the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded.

### Section 2.11 Temporary Securities.

Until definitive Securities are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate temporary securities upon a Company Order ("Temporary Securities"). Temporary Securities shall be substantially in the form of definitive Securities but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Securities. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Trustee upon request shall authenticate definitive Securities of the same Series and date of maturity in exchange for temporary Securities. Until so exchanged, temporary securities shall have the same rights under this Indenture as the definitive Securities.

#### Section 2.12 Cancellation.

The Company at any time may deliver Securities to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and the Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Securities surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee shall cancel all Securities surrendered for transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and shall destroy such canceled Securities (subject to the record retention requirement of the Exchange Act) and deliver a certificate of such destruction to the Company, unless the Company otherwise directs.

The Company may, to the extent permitted by law, purchase Securities in the open market or by tender offer at any price or by private agreement. Any Securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries prior to the final maturity of such Securities may, to the extent permitted by law, be reissued or resold or may, at the option of the Company, be surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation. Any Securities surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and shall be promptly cancelled by the Trustee, and the Company may not hold or resell such Securities or issue any new Securities to replace any such Securities.

## Section 2.13 Defaulted Interest.

If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on a Series of Securities, it shall pay the defaulted interest, plus, to the extent permitted by law, any interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the persons who are Securityholders of the Series on a subsequent special record date. The Company shall fix the record date and payment date. At least 30 days before the record date, the Company shall mail to the Trustee and to each Securityholder of the Series a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount of interest to be paid. The Company may pay defaulted interest in any other lawful manner.

# Section 2.14 Global Securities.

2.14.1 Terms of Securities. A Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officer's Certificate shall establish whether the Securities of a Series shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities and the Depository for such Global Security or Securities.

2.14.2 Transfer and Exchange. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in Section 2.7 of the Indenture and in addition thereto, any Global Security shall be exchangeable pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Indenture for Securities registered in the names of Holders other than the Depository for such Security or its nominee only if (i) such Depository notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depository for such Global Security or if at any time such Depository ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and, in either case, the Company fails to appoint a successor Depository within 90 days of such event, (ii) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate to the effect that such Global Security shall be so exchangeable or (iii) an Event of Default with respect to the Securities represented by such Global Security shall have happened and be continuing. Any Global Security that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be exchangeable for Securities registered in such names as the Depository shall direct in writing in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security with like tenor and terms.

Except as provided in this Section 2.14.2, a Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository with respect to such Global Security to a nominee of such Depository, by a nominee of such Depository to such Depository or another nominee of such Depository or by the Depository or any such nominee to a successor Depository or a nominee of such a successor Depository.

2.14.3 Legend. Any Global Security issued hereunder shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"This Security is a Global Security within the meaning of the Indenture hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of the Depository or a nominee of the Depository. This Security is exchangeable for Securities registered in the name of a person other than the Depository or its nominee only in the limited circumstances described in the Indenture, and may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository or another nominee of the Depository or any such nominee to a successor Depository or a nominee of such a successor Depository."

2.14.4 Acts of Holders. The Depository, as a Holder, may appoint agents and otherwise authorize participants to give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action which a Holder is entitled to give or take under the Indenture.

2.14.5 Payments. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Indenture, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.2, payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on any Global Security shall be made to the Holder thereof at their registered office.

2.14.6 Consents, Declaration and Directions. Except as provided in Section 2.14.5, the Company, the Trustee and any Agent shall treat a person as the Holder of such principal amount of outstanding Securities of such Series represented by a Global Security as shall be specified in a written statement of the

Depositary with respect to such Global Security, for purposes of obtaining any consents, declarations, waivers or directions required to be given by the Holders pursuant to this Indenture.

# Section 2.15 CUSIP Numbers.

The Company in issuing the Securities may use "CUSIP" numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other elements of identification printed on the Securities, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers.

## ARTICLE III. REDEMPTION

## Section 3.1 Notice to Trustee.

The Company may, with respect to any series of Securities, reserve the right to redeem and pay the Series of Securities or may covenant to redeem and pay the Series of Securities or any part thereof prior to the Stated Maturity thereof at such time and on such terms as provided for in such Securities. If a Series of Securities is redeemable and the Company wants or is obligated to redeem prior to the Stated Maturity thereof all or part of the Series of Securities pursuant to the terms of such Securities, it shall notify the Trustee of the redemption date and the principal amount of Series of Securities to be redeemed. The Company shall give the notice at least 15 days before the redemption date (or such shorter notice as may be acceptable to the Trustee).

## Section 3.2 Selection of Securities to be Redeemed.

Unless otherwise indicated for a particular Series by a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture or an Officer's Certificate, if less than all the Securities of a Series are to be redeemed, the Trustee shall select the Securities of the Series to be redeemed in any manner that the Trustee deems fair and appropriate. The Trustee shall make the selection from Securities of the Series outstanding not previously called for redemption. The Trustee may select for redemption portions of the principal of Securities of the Series that have denominations larger than \$1,000. Securities of the Series and portions of them it selects shall be in amounts of \$1,000 or whole multiples of \$1,000 or, with respect to Securities of any Series issuable in other denominations pursuant to Section 2.2.7, the minimum principal denomination for each Series and integral multiples thereof. Provisions of this Indenture that apply to Securities of a Series called for redemption also apply to portions of Securities of that Series called for redemption.

### Section 3.3 Notice of Redemption.

Unless otherwise indicated for a particular Series by Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officer's Certificate, at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, the Company shall mail a notice of redemption by first-class mail to each Holder whose Securities are to be redeemed.

The notice shall identify the Securities of the Series to be redeemed and shall state:

- (a) the redemption date;
- (b) the redemption price;
- (c) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (d) that Securities of the Series called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;
- (e) that interest on Securities of the Series called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date; and
- (f) any other information as may be required by the terms of the particular Series or the Securities of a Series being redeemed.

At the Company's request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Company's name and at its expense.

Section 3.4 Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is mailed or published as provided in Section 3.3, Securities of a Series called for redemption become due and payable on the redemption date and at the redemption price. A notice of redemption may not be conditional. Upon surrender to the Paying Agent, such Securities shall be paid at the redemption price plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

Section 3.5 Deposit of Redemption Price.

On or before the redemption date, the Company shall deposit with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest, if any, on all Securities to be redeemed on that date.

Section 3.6 Securities Redeemed in Part.

Upon surrender of a Security that is redeemed in part, the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder a new Security of the same Series and the same maturity equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Security surrendered.

#### ARTICLE IV. COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities that it will duly and punctually pay the principal of and interest, if any, on the Securities of that Series in accordance with the terms of such Securities and this Indenture.

Section 4.2 SEC Reports.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee within 15 days after it files them with the SEC copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents, and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may by rules and regulations prescribe) which the Company is required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. The Company also shall comply with the other provisions of TIA Section 314(a).

## Section 4.3 Compliance Certificate.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, an Officers Certificate signed by two of the Company's Officers stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year has been made under the supervision of the signing Officers with a view to determining whether the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to each such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of his knowledge the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions hereof (or, if a Default or Event of Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which he may have knowledge).

The Company will, so long as any of the Securities are outstanding, deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officer's Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

Section 4.4 Stay, Extension and Usury Laws.

The Company covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, which may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture or the Securities; and the Company (to the extent it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law and covenants that it will not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

#### Section 4.5 Corporate Existence.

Subject to Article V, the Company will do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence and the corporate, partnership or other existence of each Significant Subsidiary in accordance with the respective organizational documents of each Significant Subsidiary and the rights (charter and statutory), licenses and franchises of the Company and its Significant Subsidiaries; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right, license or franchise, or the corporate, partnership or other existence of any Significant Subsidiary, if the Board of Directors shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole and that the loss thereof is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders.

Section 4.6 Taxes.

The company shall, and shall cause each of its Significant Subsidiaries to, pay prior to delinquency all taxes, assessments and governmental levies, except as contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings.

## ARTICLE V. SUCCESSORS

Section 5.1 When Company May Merge, Etc.

The Company shall not consolidate with or merge into any other Person in a transaction in which it is not the surviving entity, or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any person (a "successor person"), unless:

(a) the successor person (if any) is a corporation, partnership, trust or other entity organized and validly existing under the laws of the Marshall Islands or any U.S. domestic jurisdiction and expressly assumes the Company's obligations on the Securities and under this Indenture and

(b) immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Default or Event of Default, shall have occurred and be continuing.

The Company shall deliver to the Trustee prior to the consummation of the proposed transaction an Officer's Certificate to the foregoing effect and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the proposed transaction and such supplemental indenture comply with this Indenture.

#### Section 5.2 Successor Corporation Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company in accordance with Section 5.1, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation or into or with which the Company is merged or to which such sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor person has been named as the Company herein; provided, however, that the predecessor company in the case of a sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition shall not be released from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest, if any, on the Securities.

#### ARTICLE VI. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.1 Events of Default.

"Event of Default," wherever used herein with respect to securities of any Series, means any one of the following events, unless in the establishing Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or Officer's Certificate, it is provided that such Series shall not have the benefit of said Event of Default:

(a) default in the payment of any interest on any Security of that Series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days (unless the entire amount of such payment is deposited by the Company with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent prior to the expiration of such period of 30 days); or

(b) default in the payment of the principal of any Security of that Series at its Maturity; or

(c) default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due in respect of any Security of that Series; or

(d) default in the performance or breach of any covenant of the Company in this Indenture, which default continues uncured for a period of 60 days after there has been given, by registered or certified mail, to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; or

(e) a default under any Debt of the Company (including a default with respect to Securities of any Series other than that Series) or any Subsidiary, whether such Debt now exists or shall hereafter be created, if (A) such default results from the failure to pay any such Debt when it becomes due and (B) such Debt is not discharged or such acceleration is not rescinded or annulled within 30 days after written notice to the Company by the holder or holders of such Debt in the manner provided for in the applicable debt instrument; provided, that if the default with respect to such Debt is remedied or cured by the Company or waived by the holders of such Debt before entry of judgment in favor of the relevant trustee, then the Event of Default under this Indenture will be deemed likewise to have been remedied, cured or waived; or

- (f) the Company pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
  - (i) commences a voluntary case,
  - (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
  - (iii) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property,
  - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or
  - (v) generally is unable to pay its debts as the same become due; or
- (g) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
  - (i) is for relief against the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries in an involuntary case,
  - (ii) appoints a Custodian of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or for all or substantially all of its property, or

(iii) orders the liquidation of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries, and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 days; or

(h) any other Event of Default provided with respect to Securities of that Series, which is specified in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officer's Certificate, in accordance with Section 2.2.18.

No Event of Default with respect to a particular Series of Securities (except with respect to subsections (f) and (g) above) necessarily constitutes an Event of Default with respect to any other Series of Securities.

The term "Bankruptcy Law" means title 11, U.S. Code or any similar Federal or State law for the relief of debtors. The term "Custodian" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

Section 6.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of any Series at the time outstanding occurs and is continuing, then in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series may declare the principal amount (or, if any Securities of that Series are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of such Securities) of and



accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all of the Securities of that Series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), and upon any such declaration such principal amount (or specified amount) and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, shall become immediately due and payable.

The Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series, by written notice to the Trustee, may rescind any declaration of acceleration of such Securities of that Series and its consequences if all existing Events of Default (other than the nonpayment of principal of or interest on such Securities that shall have become due by such declaration) shall have been cured or waived.

Section 6.3 Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.

If an Event of Default with respect to any Securities of any Series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Holders of Securities of such Series by such appropriate judicial proceedings as the Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy.

Section 6.4 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or the property of the Company or of such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of the Securities shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Company for the payment of overdue principal or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise,

(a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Securities and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and of the Holders allowed in such judicial proceeding, and

(b) to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same, and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or the rights of any Holder thereof or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

Section 6.5 Trustee May Enforce Claims Without Possession of Securities.

All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Securities may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Securities or the production thereof in any proceeding relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall, after provision for the payment of the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

Section 6.6 Application of Money Collected.

Any money collected by the Trustee pursuant to this Article shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such money on account of principal or interest, upon presentation of the Securities and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

and

First: To the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7;

Second: To the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid for principal of and interest on the Securities in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money has been collected, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Securities for principal and interest, respectively; and

Third: To the Company.

Section 6.7 Limitation on Suits.

No Holder of any Security of any Series shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless

(a) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of that

Series;

(b) the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder;

(c) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request;

(d) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and

(e) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Trustee during such 60-day period by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series;

it being understood and intended that no one or more of such Holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other of such Holders, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such Holders or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all such Holders.

Section 6.8 Unconditional Right of Holders to Receive Principal and Interest.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Indenture, the Holder of any Security shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on such Security on the Stated Maturity or Stated Maturities expressed in such Security (or, in the case of redemption, on the redemption date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

Section 6.9 Restoration of Rights and Remedies.

If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceeding, the Company, the Trustee and the Holders shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

Section 6.10 Rights and Remedies Cumulative.

Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities in Section 2.8, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter

existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

# Section 6.11 Delay or Omission Not Waiver.

No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder of any Securities to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

# Section 6.12 Control by Holders.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any Series shall have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Securities of such Series, provided that

- (a) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture,
- (b) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper b)o Trustee which is not inconsistent with such direction, and

(c) subject to the provisions of Section 6.1, the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction if the Trustee in good faith shall, by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, determine that the proceeding so directed would involve the Trustee in personal liability.

## Section 6.13 Waiver of Past Defaults.

The Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any Series may on behalf of the Holders of all the Securities of such Series waive any past Default hereunder with respect to such Series and its consequences, except a Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Security of such Series (provided, however, that the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any Series may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

#### Section 6.14 Undertaking for Costs.

All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Security by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Company, to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any Holder, or group of Holders, holding in the aggregate more than 10% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any Series, or to any suit instituted by any Holder for the enforcement of the principal of or interest on any Security on or after the Stated Maturity or Stated Maturities expressed in such Security (or, in the case of redemption, on the redemption date).

#### ARTICLE VII. TRUSTEE

# Section 7.1 Duties of Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent man would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of his own affairs.

(b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:

(i) The Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others.

(ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon Officer's Certificates or Opinions of Counsel furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; however, in the case of any such Officer's Certificates or opinions of Counsel which by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall examine such Officer's Certificates and opinions of Counsel to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture.

(c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own its own willful negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or misconduct, except that:

(i) This paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of

(ii) The Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts.

(iii) The Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it with respect to Securities of any Series in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such Series relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such Series.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraph (a), (b) and (c) of this Section.

(e) The Trustee may refuse to perform any duty or exercise any right or power unless it receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

(f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk is not reasonably assured to it.

(h) The Paying Agent, the Registrar and any authenticating agent shall be entitled to the protections, immunities and standard of care as are set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Section with respect to the Trustee.

Section 7.2 Rights of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee may rely on and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting as a result of its reasonable belief that any document was genuine and had been signed or presented by the proper person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.

(b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) The Trustee may act through agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care; provided that such agent agree as a condition to its engagement that it shall be responsible to the Company for its own misconduct or negligence. No Depository shall be deemed an agent of the Trustee and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any act or omission by any Depository.

(d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers.

(e) The Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders of Securities unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

Section 7.3 Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or an Affiliate with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

Section 7.4 Trustee's Disclaimer.

The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Securities, and it shall not be responsible for any statement in the Securities other than its authentication.

Section 7.5 Notice of Defaults.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the Securities of any Series and if it is known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to each Securityholder of the Securities of that Series notice of a Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it occurs or, if later, after a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has knowledge of such Default or Event of Default. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of or interest on any Security of any Series, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as its corporate trust committee or a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Securityholders of that Series.

Section 7.6 Reports by Trustee to Holders.

Within 60 days after May 15 in each year, the Trustee shall transmit by mail to all Securityholders, as their names and addresses appear on the register kept by the Registrar a brief report dated as of such May 15, in accordance with, and to the extent required under, TIA Section 313.

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to Securityholders of any Series shall be filed with the SEC and each stock exchange on which the Securities of that Series are listed. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee when Securities of any Series are listed on any stock exchange.

#### Section 7.7 Compensation and Indemnity.

The Company shall pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation for its services. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee upon request for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Company shall indemnify the Trustee (including the cost of defending itself) against any loss, liability or expense incurred by it except as set forth in the next paragraph in the performance of its duties under this Indenture as Trustee or Agent. The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. The Company shall defend the claim and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have separate counsel and the Company shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. The Company need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. This indemnification shall apply to officers, directors, employees, shareholders and agents of the Trustee.

The Company need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss liability incurred by the Trustee or by any officer, director, employee, shareholder or agent of the Trustee through negligence or bad faith.

To secure the Company's payment obligations in this Section, the Trustee shall have a lien prior to the Securities of any Series on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Securities of that Series.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(f) or (g) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

Section 7.8 Replacement of Trustee.

A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section.

The Trustee may resign with respect to the Securities of one or more Series by so notifying the Company. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of any Series may remove the Trustee with respect to that Series by so notifying the Trustee and the Company. The Company may remove the Trustee with respect to Securities of one or more Series if:

- (a) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (b) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy

Law;

- (c) a Custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (d) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Securities may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Company.

If a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any one or more Series does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Company or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the Securities of the applicable Series may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

If the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any one or more Series fails to comply with Section 7.10, any Securityholder of the applicable Series may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Immediately after that, the retiring Trustee shall transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee subject to the lien provided for in Section 7.7, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee with respect to each Series of Securities for which it is acting as Trustee under this Indenture. A successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to each Securityholder of each such Series.

Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.8, the Company's obligations under Section 7.7 hereof shall continue for the benefit of the retiring trustee with respect to expenses and liabilities incurred by it prior to such replacement.

Section 7.9 Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.

If the Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.

Section 7.10 Eligibility; Disqualification.

This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA Section 310(a)(1), (2) and (5). The Trustee shall always have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$25,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition. The Trustee shall comply with TIA Section 310(b).

Section 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company.

The Trustee is subject to TIA Section 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA Section 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA Section 311(a) to the extent indicated.

#### ARTICLE VIII. SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE; DEFEASANCE

Section 8.1 Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

This Indenture shall upon Company Order cease to be of further effect (except as hereinafter provided in this Section 8.1), and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when

(a) either

(i) all Securities theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than Securities that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(ii) all such Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable, or

- (1) have become due and payable, or
- (2) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or

(3) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company, or

(4) are deemed paid and discharged pursuant to section 8.3, as applicable;

and the Company, in the case of (1), (2) or (3) above, has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust an amount sufficient for the purpose of paying and discharging the entire indebtedness on such Securities not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Securities which have become due and payable on or prior to the date of such deposit) or to the Stated Maturity or redemption date, as the case may be;

(b) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Company; and

(c) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under Section 7.7, and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to clause (a) of this Section, the provisions of Sections 2.4, 2.7, 2.8, 8.1 8.2 and 8.5 shall survive.

Section 8.2 Application of Trust Funds; Indemnification.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 8.5, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.1, all money and U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.3 or 8.4 and all money received by the Trustee in respect of U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.3 or 8.4, shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the persons entitled thereto, of the principal and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with or received by the Trustee or to make mandatory sinking fund payments or analogous payments as contemplated by Sections 8.3 or 8.4.

(b) The Company shall pay and shall indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Sections 8.3 or 8.4 or the interest and principal received in respect of such obligations other than any payable by or on behalf of Holders.

(c) The Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Company from time to time upon Company Request any U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations or money held by it as provided in Sections 8.3 or 8.4 which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent certified public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, are then in excess of the amount thereof which then would have been required to be deposited for the purpose for which such U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations or money were deposited or received. This provision shall not authorize the sale by the Trustee of any U.S. Government Obligations or Foreign Government Obligations held under this Indenture.

#### Section 8.3 Legal Defeasance of Securities of any Series.

Unless this Section 8.3 is otherwise specified, pursuant to Section 2.2.19, to be inapplicable to Securities of any Series, the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire indebtedness on all the outstanding Securities of such Series on the 91st day after the date of the deposit referred to in subparagraph (d) hereof, and the provisions of this Indenture, as it relates to such outstanding Securities of such Series, shall no longer be in effect (and the Trustee, at the expense of the company, shall, at Company Request, execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except as to:

(a) the rights of Holders of Securities of such Series to receive, from the trust funds described in subparagraph (d) hereof, (i) payment of the principal of and each installment of principal of and interest on the outstanding Securities of such Series on the Stated Maturity of such principal or installment of principal or interest and (ii) the benefit of any mandatory sinking fund payments applicable to the Securities of such Series on the day on which such payments are due and payable in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and the Securities of such Series;

- (b) the provisions of Sections 2.4, 2.7, 2.8, 8.2, 8.3 and 8.5; and
- (c) the rights, powers, trust and immunities of the Trustee hereunder;

provided that, the following conditions shall have been satisfied:

(d) the Company shall have deposited or caused to be deposited irrevocably with the Trustee as trust funds in trust for the purpose of making the following payments, specifically pledged as security for and dedicated solely to the benefit of the Holders of such Securities W in the case of Securities of such Series denominated in Dollars, cash in Dollars (or such other money or currencies as shall then be legal tender in the United States) and/or U.S. Government Obligations, or (ii) in the case of Securities of such Series denominated in a Foreign Currency (other than a composite currency), money and/or Foreign Government obligations, which through the payment of interest and principal in respect thereof, in accordance with their terms, will provide (and without reinvestment and assuming no tax liability will be imposed on such Trustee), not later than one day before the due date of any payment of money, an amount in cash, sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge each installment of principal (including mandatory sinking fund or analogous payments) of and interest, if any, on all the Securities of such Series on the dates such installments of interest or principal are due;

(e) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound;

(f) no Default or Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such Series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or during the period ending on the 91st day after such date;

(g) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that (i) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or (ii) since the date of execution of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable Federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the Securities of such Series will not recognize income, gain or loss for Federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance and discharge and will be subject to Federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit, defeasance and discharge had not occurred;

(h) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of the Securities of such Series over any other creditors of the company or with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any other creditors of the Company;

(i) such deposit shall not result in the trust arising from such deposit constituting an investment company (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended), or such trust shall be qualified under such Act or exempt from regulation thereunder; and

(j) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for relating to the defeasance contemplated by this Section have been complied with.

## Section 8.4 Covenant Defeasance.

Unless this Section 8.4 is otherwise specified pursuant to Section 2.2.19 to be inapplicable to Securities of any Series, on and after the 91st day after the date of the deposit referred to in subparagraph (a) hereof, the Company may omit to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth under Sections 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, and 5.1 as well as any additional covenants contained in a supplemental indenture hereto for a particular Series of Securities or a Board Resolution or an Officer's Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 2.2.19 (and the failure to comply with any such covenants shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default under Section 6.1) and the occurrence of any event described in clause (e) of Section 6.1 shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default hereunder, with respect to the Securities of such Series, provided that the following conditions shall have been satisfied:

(a) With reference to this Section 8.4, the Company has deposited or caused to be irrevocably deposited (except as provided in Section 8.2(c)) with the Trustee as trust funds in trust, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the Holders of such Securities (i) in the case of Securities of such Series denominated in Dollars, cash in Dollars (or such other money or currencies as shall then be legal tender in the United States) and/or U.S. Government Obligations, or (ii) in the case of Securities of such Series denominated in a Foreign Currency (other than a composite currency), money and/or Foreign Government obligations, which through the payment of interest and principal in respect thereof, in accordance with their terms, will provide (and without reinvestment and assuming no tax liability will be imposed on such Trustee), not later than one day before the due date of any payment of money, an amount in cash, sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent certified public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay principal and interest, if any, on and any mandatory sinking fund in respect of the Securities of such Series on the dates such installments of interest or principal are due;

(b) Such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound;

(c) No Default or Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such Series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or during the period ending on the 91st day after such date;

(d) the company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that Holders of the Securities of such Series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred;

(e) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of the Securities of such Series over any other creditors of the Company or with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any other creditors of the Company; and

(f) The Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the defeasance contemplated by this Section have been complied with.

Section 8.5 Repayment to Company.

The Trustee and the Paying Agent shall pay to the Company upon request any money held by them for the payment of principal and interest that remains unclaimed for two years. After that, Securityholders entitled to the money must look to the Company for payment as general creditors unless an applicable abandoned property law designates another person.

#### ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS

Section 9.1 Without Consent of Holders.

The Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Securities of one or more Series without the consent of any Securityholder:

(a) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;

- (b) to comply with Article V;
- (c) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities;
- (d) to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Securityholder;

(e) to add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture in respect of all or any Securities of any series or any guarantees thereof (and if such addition, change or elimination is to apply with respect to less than all Securities of such series or Guarantees thereof, stating that it is expressly being made to apply solely with respect to such Securities within such series or Guarantees thereof);

(f) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more Series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee; or

(g) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA.

Section 9.2 With Consent of Holders.

The Company and the Trustee may enter into a supplemental indenture with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of all Series affected by such supplemental indenture, taken together as one class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for the Securities of such Series), for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Securityholders of each such Series. Except as provided in Section 6.13, the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of all Series affected by such waiver by notice to the Trustee, taken together as one class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for the Securities of such Series) may waive compliance by the Company with any provision of this Indenture or the Securities with respect to such Series.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders of Securities under this Section 9.2 to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof. After a supplemental indenture or waiver under this section becomes

effective, the Company shall mail to the Holders of Securities affected thereby a notice briefly describing the supplemental indenture or waiver. Any failure by the Company to mail or publish such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture or waiver.

Section 9.3 Limitations.

Without the consent of each Securityholder affected, an amendment or waiver may not:

(a) change the amount of Securities whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

(b) reduce the rate of or change the interest payment time on any Security or alter the redemption provisions with respect thereto (other than any alteration to any such Section which would not materially adversely affect the legal rights of any Holder under this Indenture) or the price at which the Company is required to offer to purchase the Securities;

(c) reduce the principal or change the Stated Maturity of any Security or reduce the amount of, or postpone the date fixed for, the payment of any sinking fund or analogous obligation;

(d) reduce the principal amount of Discount Securities payable upon acceleration of the maturity thereof;

(e) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any one or more series (considered separately or together as one class, as applicable, and whether comprising the same or different series or less than all the Securities of a series), the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, or the consent of whose Holders is required for any waiver (of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder and their consequences) provided for in this Indenture;

(f) make the principal of or interest, if any, on any Security payable in any currency other than that stated in the Security;

(g) make any change in Sections 6.8, 6.13, 9.3 (this sentence), 10.15 or 10.16; or

(h) waive a redemption payment with respect to any Security or change any of the provisions with respect to the redemption of any

Securities.

Section 9.4 Compliance with Trust Indenture Act.

Every amendment to this Indenture or the Securities of one or more Series shall be set forth in a supplemental indenture hereto that complies with the TIA as then in effect.

Section 9.5 Revocation and Effect of Consents.

Until an amendment or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Security is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Security. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to his Security or portion of a Security if the Trustee receives the notice of revocation before the date the amendment or waiver becomes effective.

Any amendment or waiver once effective shall bind every Securityholder of each Series affected by such amendment or waiver unless it is of the type described in any of clauses (a) through (g) of Section 9.3. in that case, the amendment or waiver shall bind each Holder of a Security who has consented to it and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security.

Section 9.6 Notation on or Exchange of Securities.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment or waiver on any Security of any Series thereafter authenticated. The Company in exchange for Securities of that Series may issue and the Trustee shall authenticate upon request new Securities of that Series that reflect the amendment or waiver.

Section 9.7 Trustee Protected.

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 7.1) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture. The Trustee shall sign all supplemental indentures, except that the Trustee need not sign any supplemental indenture that adversely affects its rights.

#### ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.1 Trust Indenture Act Controls.

If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies, or conflicts with another provision which is required or deemed to be included in this Indenture by the TIA, such required or deemed provision shall control.

Section 10.2 Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Company or the Trustee to the other is duly given if in writing and delivered in person or mailed by

first-class mail:

if to the Company:

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. 300 First Stamford Place, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Stamford, Connecticut 06902

if to the Trustee:

[Name of Trustee] [Address]

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Attention:

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The Company or the Trustee by notice to the other may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

Any notice or communication to a Securityholder shall be mailed by first-class mail to his address shown on the register kept by the Registrar.

Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Securityholder of any Series or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Securityholders of that or any other Series.

If a notice or communication is mailed or published in the manner provided above, within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the Securityholder receives it.

If the company mails a notice or communication to Securityholders, it mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

Section 10.3 Communication by Holders with Other Holders.

Securityholders of any Series may communicate pursuant to TIA Section 312(b) with other Securityholders of that Series or any other Series with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities of

that Series or all Series. The Company, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA Section 312(c).

Section 10.4 Certificate and opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the

Trustee:

(a) an Officer's Certificate stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and

(b) an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of counsel, all such conditions precedent have been complied with.

Section 10.5 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA Section 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA Section 314(e) and shall include:

(a) a statement that the person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;

(b) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(c) a statement that, in the opinion of such person, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(d) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

Section 10.6 Rules by Trustee and Agents.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or a meeting of Securityholders of one or more Series. Any Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

# Section 10.7 Legal Holidays.

Unless otherwise provided by Board Resolution, Officer's Certificate or supplemental indenture for a particular Series, a "Legal Holiday" is any day that is not a Business Day. If a payment date is a Legal Holiday at a place of payment, payment may be made at that place on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period.

Section 10.8 No Recourse Against Others.

A director, officer, employee or stockholder, as such, of the Company shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Securities or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each Securityholder by accepting a Security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the Securities.

Section 10.9 Counterparts.

This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

Section 10.10 Governing Laws.

THIS INDENTURE AND THE SECURITIES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK EXCLUDING (TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE) ANY RULE OF LAW THAT WOULD CAUSE THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANY JURISDICTION OTHER THAN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Section 10.11 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret another indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or a Subsidiary. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

Section 10.12 Successors.

All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Securities shall bind its successor. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successor.

Section 10.13 Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 10.14 Table of Contents, Headings, Etc.

The Table of Contents, Cross Reference Table, and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof, and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

Section 10.15 Securities in a Foreign Currency or in ECU.

Unless otherwise specified in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officer's Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 2.2 of this Indenture with respect to a particular Series of Securities, whenever for purposes of this Indenture any action may be taken by the Holders of a specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of Securities of all Series or all Series affected by a particular action at the time outstanding and, at such time, there are outstanding Securities of any Series which are denominated in a coin or currency other than Dollars (including ECUs), then the principal amount of Securities of any Series which are denominated in a coin or currency other than Dollars (including ECUs), then the principal amount of Securities of any Series which are denominated in a coin or currency other than Dollars (including ECUs), then the principal amount of Securities of any Series which are denominated in a coin or currency other than Dollars (including ECUs), then the principal amount of Securities of any Series which are denominated in a coin or currency other than Dollars (including ECUs), then the principal amount of Securities of such Series which shall be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of taking such action shall be that amount of Dollars that could be obtained for such amount at the Market Exchange Rate at such time. For purposes of this Section 10.15, "Market Exchange Rate" shall mean the noon Dollar buying rate in New York City for cable transfers of that currency as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; provided, however, in the case of ECUs, Market Exchange Rate shall mean the rate of exchange determined by the Commission of the European Union (or any successor thereto) as published in the Official Journal of the European Union (such publication or any successor publication, the "Journal"). If such Market Exchange Rate is not available for any reason with respect to such currency, the Trustee shall use, in its sole discretion and without liability on its

All decisions and determinations of the Trustee regarding the Market Exchange Rate or any alternative determination provided for in the preceding paragraph shall be in its sole discretion and shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive to the extent permitted by law for all purposes and irrevocably binding upon the Company and all Holders.

Section 10.16 Judgment Currency.

The Company agrees, to the fullest extent that it may effectively do so under applicable law, that (a) if for the purpose of obtaining judgment in any court it is necessary to convert the sum due in respect of the

principal of or interest or other amount on the Securities of any Series (the "Required Currency") into a currency in which a judgment will be rendered (the "Judgment Currency"), the rate of exchange used shall be the rate at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Trustee could purchase in The City of New York the Required Currency with the Judgment Currency on the day on which final unappealable judgment is entered, unless such day is not a New York Banking Day, then, the rate of exchange used shall be the rate at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Trustee could purchase in The City of New York the Required Currency with the Judgment Currency on the New York Banking Day preceding the day on which final unappealable judgment is entered and (b) its obligations under this Indenture to make payments in the Required Currency (i) shall not be discharged or satisfied by any tender, any recovery pursuant to any judgment (whether or not entered in accordance with subsection (a)), in any currency other than the Required Currency, except to the extent that such tender or recovery shall result in the actual receipt, by the payee, of the full amount of the Required Currency so expressed to be payable in respect of such payments, (ii) shall be enforceable as an alternative or additional cause of action for the purposes of expressed to be payable, and (iii) shall not be affected by judgment being obtained for any other sum due under this Indenture. For purposes of the foregoing, "New York Banking Day" means any day except a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday in The City of New York on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close.

#### ARTICLE XI. SINKING FUNDS

#### Section 11.1 Applicability of Article.

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to any sinking fund for the retirement of the Securities of a Series, except as otherwise permitted or required by any form of Security of such Series issued pursuant to this Indenture.

The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of the Securities of any Series is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment" and any other amount provided for by the terms of Securities of such Series is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment." If provided for by the terms of Securities of any Series, the cash amount of any sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section 11.2. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Securities of any Series as provided for by the terms of the securities of such Series.

#### Section 11.2 Satisfaction of Sinking Fund Payments with Securities.

The Company may, in satisfaction of all or any part of any sinking fund payment with respect to the Securities of any Series to be made pursuant to the terms of such Securities (1) deliver outstanding Securities of such Series to which such sinking fund payment is applicable (other than any of such Securities previously called for mandatory sinking fund redemption) and (2) apply as credit Securities of such Series to which such sinking fund payment is applicable and which have been redeemed either at the election of the Company pursuant to the terms of such Series of Securities (except pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund) or through the application of permitted optional sinking fund payments or other optional redemptions pursuant to the terms of such Securities, provided that such Securities have not been previously so credited.

Such Securities shall be received by the Trustee, together with an Officer's Certificate with respect thereto, not later than 15 days prior to the date on which the Trustee begins the process of selecting Securities for redemption, and shall be credited for such purpose by the Trustee at the price specified in such Securities for redemption through operation of the sinking fund and the amount of such sinking fund payment shall be reduced accordingly. If as a result of the delivery or credit of Securities in lieu of cash payments pursuant to this Section 11.2, the principal amount of Securities of such Series to be redeemed in order to exhaust the aforesaid cash payment shall be less than \$100,000, the Trustee need not call Securities of such Series for redemption, except upon receipt of a Company Order that such action be taken, and such cash payment shall be held by the Trustee or a Paying Agent and applied to the next succeeding sinking fund payment, provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent shall from time to time upon receipt of a Company Order pay over and deliver to the Company any cash payment so being held by the Trustee or such Paying Agent upon delivery by the Company to the Trustee of Securities of that Series purchased by the Company having an unpaid principal amount equal to the cash payment required to be released to the Company.

#### Section 11.3 Redemption of Securities for Sinking Fund.

Not less than 15 days (unless otherwise indicated in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officer's Certificate in respect of a particular Series of Securities) prior to each sinking fund payment date

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for any Series of Securities, the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate specifying the amount of the next ensuing mandatory sinking fund payment for that Series pursuant to the terms of that Series, the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by payment of cash and the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by delivering and crediting of Securities of that Series pursuant to Section 11.2., and the optional amount, if any, to be added in cash to the next ensuing mandatory sinking fund payment, and the Company shall thereupon be obligated to pay the amount therein specified.

Not less than 10 days (unless otherwise indicated in the Board Resolution, Officer's Certificate or supplemental indenture in respect of a particular Series of Securities) before each such sinking fund payment date the Trustee shall select the Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 3.2 and cause notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the name of and at the expense of the Company in the manner provided in Section 3.3. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Securities shall be as so stated in Sections 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.

By: /s/ [TBD]

[Name of Trustee]

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_Its:

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# Akin

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. 300 First Stamford Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Stamford, Connecticut 06902

Re: Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-3

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc., a Marshall Islands corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the registration, pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 (the "*Registration Statement*"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), relating to the offering and sale from time to time, as set forth in the Registration Statement, the form of prospectus contained therein (the "Prospectus"), and one or more supplements to the Prospectus (each, a "Prospectus Supplement"), by (1) the Company of up to \$750 million aggregate amount of securities (the "Securities") consisting of (a) shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "*Common Stock*"), (b) shares of the Company's preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "*Preferred Stock*"), (c) the Company's senior debt securities in one or more series (the "Senior Debt Securities") and the Company's subordinated debt securities in one or more series (the "Subordinated Debt Securities" and, together with the Senior Debt Securities, the "Company Debt Securities"), (d) guarantees (the "Guarantees") of Company Debt Securities by one or more of the Company's subsidiaries (the "Guarantors") named in the Registration Statement (the Company Debt Securities, together with (if such Company Debt Securities have been guaranteed by Guarantors) the related Guarantees of such Guarantors, the "Debt Securities"), (e) the Company's warrants (the "Warrants") to purchase the Company's equity securities, securities of third parties or certain other rights, or any combination of the foregoing, (f) the Company's purchase contracts (the "**Purchase Contracts**") for the purchase or sale of (i) the Company's equity securities, securities of third parties, a basket of such securities, an index or indices of such securities or any combination of the foregoing or (ii) currencies, (g) rights (the "Rights") to purchase the Company's equity securities, and (h) units (the "Units"), each consisting of one or more Rights, Purchase Contracts, Warrants, Preferred Stock, Common Stock or any combination of such Securities, each on the terms to be determined at the time of each offering, and (2) certain selling shareholders named in the Registration Statement of 3,781,561 shares of Common Stock. This opinion is being furnished at the request of the Company in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Act.

We have examined originals or certified copies of (i) a form of the indenture for the Senior Debt Securities filed as Exhibit 4.11 to the Registration Statement to be entered into among the Company, the Guarantors named therein and a trustee (the "*Trustee*"), which provides

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that the form and terms (including any Guarantees) of any series of Company Debt Securities to be issued under such Indenture will be established by, or pursuant to, a board resolution and set forth in an officers' certificate or established in a supplemental indenture with respect to such Indenture, (ii) a form of the indenture (the indentures in (i) and (ii) each, an "*Indenture*") for the Subordinated Debt Securities filed as Exhibit 4.12 to the Registration Statement to be entered into among the Company, the Guarantors named therein and the Trustee, which provides that the form and terms (including any Guarantees) of any series of Company Debt Securities to be issued under such Indenture will be established by, or pursuant to, a board resolution and set forth in an officers' certificate or established in a supplemental indenture with respect to such Indenture and (iii) such corporate records of the Company and the Guarantors and other certificates and documents of officials of the Company and the Guarantors, public officials and others as we have deemed appropriate for purposes of this letter. We have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to authentic original documents of all copies submitted to us as conformed, certified or reproduced copies. We have also assumed the existence and entity power of each party to any Instrument (defined below) referred to herein. As to various questions of fact relevant to this letter, we have relied, without independent investigation, upon certificates of public officials and certificates of officies of the Company and the Guarantors, all of which we assume to be true, correct and complete.

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the assumptions, exceptions, qualifications and limitations set forth hereinafter, we are of the opinion that:

1. With respect to Securities constituting Debt Securities (including, if such Debt Securities are guaranteed by Guarantees, such Debt Securities and such Guarantees), when (i) the Company (and, if such Debt Securities are guaranteed by Guarantees, each of the applicable Guarantors) have taken all necessary company action to establish the form and terms of such Debt Securities and to authorize and approve the issuance of such Debt Securities, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters, (ii) the applicable Indenture in substantially the form filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and any officers' certificate or supplemental indenture thereto relating to such Debt Securities have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the parties thereto (including, if Debt Securities are guaranteed by Guarantees, the applicable Guarantors) with the terms of such Debt Securities (and, if Debt Securities are guaranteed by Guarantees, such Guarantees) having been set forth in such Indenture or such an officers' certificate or supplemental indenture delivered pursuant thereto, (iii) the Trustee under the applicable Indenture has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "TIA"), and (iv) such Debt Securities (including, if such Debt Securities are guaranteed by Guarantees, any notations of such Guarantees thereon) have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Indenture and applicable officers' certificate or supplemental indenture relating to such Debt Securities and any applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement, or, if such Debt Securities are issuable upon exchange or conversion of Securities constituting Preferred Stock, the applicable certificate of designations therefor or, if such Debt Securities are issuable upon exercise of Securities constituting Warrants, the applicable warrant agreement (the "Warrant Agreement") therefor, in each case, against payment (or delivery) of the consideration therefor provided for therein, then

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such Debt Securities (including (a) if Debt Securities are guaranteed by Guarantees, such Debt Securities and such Guarantees, (b) any Debt Securities duly issued upon exchange or conversion of any Securities constituting Preferred Stock that are exchangeable for or convertible into Debt Securities or (c) any Debt Securities duly issued upon exercise of any Securities constituting any Warrants that are exercisable for Debt Securities) will be valid and binding obligations of the Company (and, if such Debt Securities are guaranteed by Guarantees, each of the applicable Guarantors), enforceable against the Company (and, if such Debt Securities are guaranteed by Guarantees, each of the applicable Guarantors) in accordance with their terms.

2. With respect to Securities constituting Warrants, when (i) the Company has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of such Warrants, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (ii) such Warrants have been duly executed, countersigned, issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the applicable Warrant Agreement and such authorization and approval relating to such Warrants and the terms of any applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement, against payment (or delivery) of the consideration therefor provided for therein, then such Warrants will be valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

3. With respect to Securities constituting Rights, when (i) the Company has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of such Rights, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (ii) such Rights have been duly executed, countersigned, issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the applicable rights agreement (the "*Rights Agreement*") and such authorization and approval relating to such Rights and the terms of any applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement, against payment (or delivery) of the consideration therefor provided for therein, then such Rights will be valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

4. With respect to Securities constituting Purchase Contracts, when (i) the Company has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of such Purchase Contracts, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (ii) such Purchase Contracts have been duly executed, countersigned, issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the applicable purchase contract agreement (the "*Purchase Contract Agreement*") and such authorization and approval relating to such Purchase Contracts and any applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement, against payment (or delivery) of the consideration therefor provided for therein, then such Purchase Contracts will be valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

5. With respect to Securities constituting Units, when (i) the Company has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of such Units, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters, (ii) the Company has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of each of the Securities comprising a part of such Units, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters, and (ii) such Units have been duly issued and delivered, with certificates representing such Units having been duly executed, countersigned, issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the applicable unit agreement (the "Unit Agreement" and, together with each Indenture, Warrant Agreement, Rights Agreement and

Purchase Contract Agreement, each, an "*Instrument*") and such authorization and approval related to such Units and any applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement, against payment (or delivery) of the consideration therefor provided for therein, then such Units will be valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

The opinions and other matters in this letter are qualified in their entirety and subject to the following:

- A. We have assumed that, in the case of each offering and sale of Securities (including, in the case of any offering or sale of Units, with respect to such Units and each of the Securities comprising part of such Units):
  - the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), will have become effective under the Act and, if such Securities constitute Debt Securities, the Indenture will have been qualified under the TIA and such effectiveness or qualification shall not have been terminated or rescinded;
  - (ii) a Prospectus Supplement will have been prepared and filed with the SEC describing such Securities;
  - such Securities (or any other securities issued that are exercisable for or providing for the purchase of such Securities) will have been issued and sold in compliance with applicable United States federal and state securities Laws (defined below) and pursuant to and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and the applicable Prospectus Supplement;
  - (iv) unless such Securities constitute (a) Debt Securities issuable upon exchange or conversion of Securities constituting Preferred Stock or (b) Debt Securities issuable upon exercise of Securities constituting Warrants, a definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement with respect to the issuance and sale of such Securities by the Company (and, if such Securities constitute Debt Securities guaranteed by Guarantees, each of the applicable Guarantors) will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company (and, if such Securities guaranteed by Guarantees, each of the applicable Guarantors) and the other parties thereto;
  - (v) at the time of the issuance of such Securities, the Company (or, if such Securities constitute Debt Securities guaranteed by Guarantees, each of the applicable Guarantors) (a) will validly exist and be duly qualified and in good standing under the Laws of its jurisdiction of organization and (b) will have the necessary company power and due authorization, and the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Company (or, if such Securities constitute Debt Securities guaranteed by Guarantees, the organizational

documents of each of the applicable Guarantors) will be in full force and effect and will not have been amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise altered, and there will have been no authorization of any such amendment, restatement, supplement or other alteration since the date hereof;

- the terms of such Securities and of their issuance and sale will have been established in conformity with and (vi) so as not to violate, or result in a default under or breach of, (a) the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Company (or, if such Securities constitute Debt Securities guaranteed by Guarantees, the organizational documents of each of the applicable Guarantors), (b) any applicable Law or any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company (or, if such Securities constitute Debt Securities guaranteed by Guarantees, each of the applicable Guarantors), (c) any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body, including any securities exchange on which the securities of the Company (or, if such Securities constitute Debt Securities guaranteed by Guarantees, each of the applicable Guarantors) are listed for trading, having jurisdiction over the Company (or, if such Securities constitute Debt Securities guaranteed by Guarantees, each of the applicable Guarantors) and (d)(1) if such Securities constitute Debt Securities exchangeable for or convertible into, or Warrants or Rights exercisable for, or Purchase Contracts for, Preferred Stock, the applicable certificate of designations and the applicable approval and authorization of the Company relating to such Preferred Stock, (2) if such Securities constitute Debt Securities exchangeable for or convertible into, or Warrants exercisable for, Debt Securities, the applicable Indenture and officers' certificate or supplemental indenture and the applicable approval and authorization of the Company (and, if such Securities constitute Debt Securities guaranteed by Guarantees, each of the applicable Guarantors) relating to such Debt Securities, (3) if such Securities constitute Warrants, the applicable Warrant Agreement therefor and the applicable approval and authorization of the Company relating to such Warrants, (4) if such Securities constitute Rights, the applicable Rights Agreement therefor and the applicable approval and authorization of the Company relating to such Rights, (5) if such Securities constitute Purchase Contracts, the applicable Purchase Contract Agreement therefor and the applicable approval and authorization of the Company relating to such Purchase Contracts, and (6) if such Securities constitute Units, the applicable Unit Agreement and the applicable approval and authorization of the Company relating to such Units;
- (vii) if (a) such Securities constitute Debt Securities issuable upon exchange or conversion of Securities constituting Preferred Stock, all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of such Preferred

Stock will have been taken, or (b) such Securities constitute Debt Securities issuable upon exercise of Securities constituting Warrants, the actions with respect to such Warrants referred to in paragraph 2 above will have been taken;

- (viii) if (a) such Securities constitute Warrants that are exercisable for Securities constituting Common Stock, Preferred Stock or Debt Securities, the Company (and, if such Securities constitute Debt Securities guaranteed by Guarantees, each of the applicable Guarantors) will have taken all necessary company action to authorize and approve the issuance of such Common Stock, Preferred Stock or Debt Securities upon the exercise of such Warrants, the terms of such exercise and related matters and, in the case of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, to reserve such Common Stock or Preferred Stock for issuance upon such exercise, (b) such Securities constitute Rights that are exercisable for Securities constituting Common Stock or Preferred Stock, the Company will have taken all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of such Common Stock or Preferred Stock upon the exercise of such Rights, the terms of such exercise and related matters and to reserve such Common Stock or Preferred Stock for issuance upon such exercise, or (c) such Securities constitute Purchase Contracts providing for the purchase of Securities constituting Common Stock or Preferred Stock, the Company will have taken all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of such Common Stock or Preferred Stock upon purchase thereof pursuant to such Purchase Contracts, the terms of such purchase and related matters and to reserve such Common Stock or Preferred Stock for issuance upon such purchase;
- (ix) if such Securities constitute Warrants that are exercisable for, or Purchase Contracts providing for the purchase of, third party securities or other rights, the terms of such securities and of their issuance and sale will have been established in conformity with and so as not to violate, or result in a default under or breach of (a) the organizational documents of such third party issuer; (b) any applicable Law or any agreement or instrument binding upon such third party issuer; and (c) any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body, including any securities exchange on which the securities of such third party issuer are listed for trading, having jurisdiction over such third party issuer;
- (x) if such Securities constitute Debt Securities, the officers' certificate setting forth, or supplemental indenture establishing, any terms of such Debt Securities different from those in the related Indenture shall not include any provision that is unenforceable against the Company;

- (xi) if such Securities constitute Debt Securities guaranteed by Guarantees, the officers' certificate setting forth, or supplemental indenture establishing, any terms of such Guarantees different from those in the related Indenture shall not include any provision that is unenforceable against the applicable Guarantors;
- (xii) if such Securities constitute Warrants, the Warrant Agreement related to such Warrants and not including any provision that is unenforceable against the Company will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent, to be selected by the Company;
- (xiii) if such Securities constitute Rights, the Rights Agreement related to such Rights and not including any provision that is unenforceable against the Company will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and a bank or trust company, as rights agent, to be selected by the Company;
- (xiv) if such Securities constitute Purchase Contracts, the Purchase Contract Agreement related to such Purchase Contracts and not including any provision that is unenforceable against the Company will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and any other party thereto;
- (xv) if such Securities constitute Units, the Unit Agreement relating to such Units and not including any provision that is unenforceable against the Company will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and any other party thereto; and
- (xvi) if such Securities constitute Debt Securities, Warrants, Rights, Purchase Contracts or Units, the applicable Instrument and, if such Securities constitute Warrants exercisable for Debt Securities, the Indenture related to such Debt Securities will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of each party thereto other than the Company or each of the applicable Guarantors party thereto, enforceable against each such party in accordance with its terms.
- B. We express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than any published constitutions, treaties, laws, rules or regulations or judicial or administrative decisions ("*Laws*") of (i) the federal Laws of the United States and (ii) the Laws of the State of New York.
- C. The matters expressed in this letter are subject to and qualified and limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer and conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally; (ii) general principles of equity, including without limitation,

concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing and the possible unavailability of specific performance or injunctive relief (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law); and (iii) securities Laws and public policy underlying such Laws with respect to rights to indemnification and contribution.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name in the Prospectus forming a part of the Registration Statement under the caption "Legal Matters." In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P.

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March 24, 2023

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. 300 First Stamford Place, 5th Floor Stamford, Connecticut 06902

## Re: <u>Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.</u>

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Marshall Islands counsel to Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>") in connection with the Company's registration statement on Form S-3 (such registration statement as amended or supplemented from time to time) (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>") as filed on the date hereof with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>SEC</u>"), relating to the registration under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Act</u>") and offering (1) by the Company in one or more public offerings (collectively, the "<u>Offering</u>") of up to \$750 million aggregate amount of securities (the "<u>Securities</u>") consisting of (a) shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), (b) shares of the Company's preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Preferred Stock</u>"), (c) the Company's senior debt securities in one or more series (the "<u>Securities</u>") and the Company's subordinated debt securities in one or more series (the "<u>Subordinated Debt Securities</u>" and, together with the Senior Debt Securities, the "<u>Company Debt Securities</u>") (d) guarantees (the "<u>Guarantees</u>") of Company Debt Securities, together with (if such Company Debt Securities have been guaranteed by Guarantors) the related Guarantees of such Guarantors, the "<u>Debt Securities</u>"), (e) the Company's warrants (the "<u>Warrants</u>") to purchase the Company's purchase contracts (the "<u>Purchase Contracts</u>") for the purchase or sale of (i) the Company's equity securities, securities of third parties or certain other rights, or any combination of the foregoing or (ii) currencies, (g) rights (the "<u>Rights</u>") to purchase the Company's equity securities, an index or indices of such securities or any combination of such Securities, each on the terms to be determined at the time of each offering; and (2) by certain selling shareholders named in the Registration Statement of (i) 3,781,561 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Secondary Common Shares</u>").

We have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of: (i) the Registration Statement; (ii) the prospectus of the Company included in the Registration Statement (the "<u>Prospectus</u>"); and (iii) such corporate documents and records of the Company and such other instruments, certificates and documents as we have deemed necessary

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or appropriate as a basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed. In such examinations, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies or drafts of documents to be executed, the genuineness of all signatures and the legal competence or capacity of persons or entities to complete the execution of documents. As to various questions of fact that are material to the opinions hereinafter expressed, we have relied upon statements or certificates of public officials, directors of the Company and others.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, and having regard to such other legal considerations which we deem relevant, we are of the opinion that under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands:

1. The Common Shares and the Preferred Shares have been duly authorized and when (i) the Company has taken all necessary action to approve the issuance of such Common Shares and Preferred Shares, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (ii) the Common Shares and Preferred Shares have been issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the applicable definitive purchase agreement, underwriting agreement or similar agreement approved by the Company and as contemplated in the Prospectus or prospectus supplement related thereto, upon payment of the consideration thereof or provided for therein, and assuming the total number of such issued Common Shares or Preferred Shares, together with such total number of Common Shares or Preferred Shares reserved for issuance upon the exercise, exchange or conversion, as the case may be, of any exercisable, exchangeable or convertible security then outstanding, will not exceed the total number of such authorized Common Shares or Preferred Shares under the Company's Articles of Incorporation, as amended and then in effect, then such Common Shares and Preferred Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

2. With respect to the Warrants, Rights and Purchase Contracts (together the "<u>Subscription Securities</u>"), when (i) the Company has taken all necessary action to approve the issuance and terms of such Subscription Securities, the terms of the offering and related matters and (ii) the Subscription Securities have been issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the applicable warrant agreement, rights agreement, purchase contract, or similar agreement approved by the Company and as contemplated in the Prospectus or prospectus supplement related thereto, and upon payment of the consideration therefor, if any, provided for therein and in any applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Company, then the Subscription Securities will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof (i) may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, fraudulent transfer, fraudulent obligation, moratorium or other similar laws affecting generally the enforceability of creditors' rights and remedies or the collection of debtor's obligations from time to time in effect, and (ii) is subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law, including the application of principles of good faith, fair dealing, course of dealing, course of performance, commercial reasonableness, materiality, unconscionability and conflict with public policy and other similar principles; or other law relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally and general principles of equity.

3. With respect to the Debt Securities, when the applicable indenture relating to such Debt Securities (the "<u>Indenture</u>") has been duly qualified and the Company has taken all necessary action to approve the issuance and terms of the Debt Securities and the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and the Debt Securities have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and the other applicable agreements approved by the Company and as contemplated in the Prospectus or prospectus supplement related thereto, and upon payment of the consideration thereof or

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provided for therein, the Debt Securities will be legally issued and will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof (i) may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, fraudulent transfer, fraudulent obligation, moratorium or other similar laws affecting generally the enforceability of creditors' rights and remedies or the collection of debtor's obligations from time to time in effect, and (ii) is subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law, including the application of principles of good faith, fair dealing, course of dealing, course of performance, commercial reasonableness, materiality, unconscionability and conflict with public policy and other similar principles; or other law relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally and general principles of equity.

4. With respect to the Units, when the Company has taken all necessary action to approve the issuance of the Units, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and the Units have been issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the applicable agreement(s) approved by the Company, and as contemplated in the Prospectus or prospectus supplement related thereto, upon payment of the consideration thereof or provided for therein then the Units will be validly issued, fully paid, and non-assessable.

5. Under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Secondary Common Shares have been duly authorized, validly issued and are fully paid for and non-assessable.

This opinion is limited to the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands as in effect on the date hereof.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and to each reference to us and the discussions of advice provided by us under the headings "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus, without admitting we are "experts" within the meaning of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder with respect to any part of the Registration Statement.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Seward & Kissel LLP

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March 24, 2023

Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. 300 First Stamford Place, 5th Floor Stamford, Connecticut 06902

## Re: <u>Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.</u>

## Ladies and Gentlemen:

You have requested our opinion regarding certain Marshall Islands and United States federal income tax matters relating to Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>") and the holders of shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

In formulating our opinion as to these matters, we have examined such documents as we have deemed appropriate, including (i) the registration statement on Form S-3 (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>"), as filed by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>SEC</u>"), relating to the registration under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Act</u>"), of (A) an aggregate amount not to exceed \$750,000,000 of securities to be offered by the Company, and (B) 3,781,561 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to be offered by certain selling shareholders named in the Registration Statement or in a subsequent prospectus supplement, and (ii) the prospectus of the Company included in the Registration Statement (the "<u>Prospectus</u>"). We have also obtained such additional information as we have deemed relevant and necessary from representatives of the Company.

Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Registration Statement.

Based on the facts as set forth in the Registration Statement and the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 (the "<u>Annual Report</u>"), which is incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, and in particular, on the representations, covenants, assumptions, conditions and qualifications described in the Annual Report in the sections entitled "Item 1. Tax Considerations-Marshall Islands Tax Considerations" and "Item 1. Tax Considerations-United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" and in the risk factors entitled "United States tax authorities could treat us as a "passive foreign investment company," which could have a material adverse United States federal income tax consequences to United States holders" and "We may have to pay tax on United States source income, which could reduce our earnings," we hereby confirm that the opinions with respect to Marshall Islands tax matters and United States federal income tax matters expressed in the discussions in such sections are the opinions of Seward & Kissel LLP and accurately state our view as to the tax matters discussed therein.

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Our opinions and the tax discussion as set forth in the Prospectus are based on the current provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, published pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service, which may be cited or used as precedents, and case law, any of which may be changed at any time with retroactive effect. No opinion is expressed on any matters other than those specifically referred to above by reference to the Prospectus.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and to each reference to us and discussion of advice provided by us in the Prospectus. In giving such consent, we do not hereby admit that we are "experts" within the meaning of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder with respect to any part of the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Seward & Kissel LLP

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated March 10, 2023, relating to the financial statements of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. and the effectiveness of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2022. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

### /s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

New York, New York

March 24, 2023